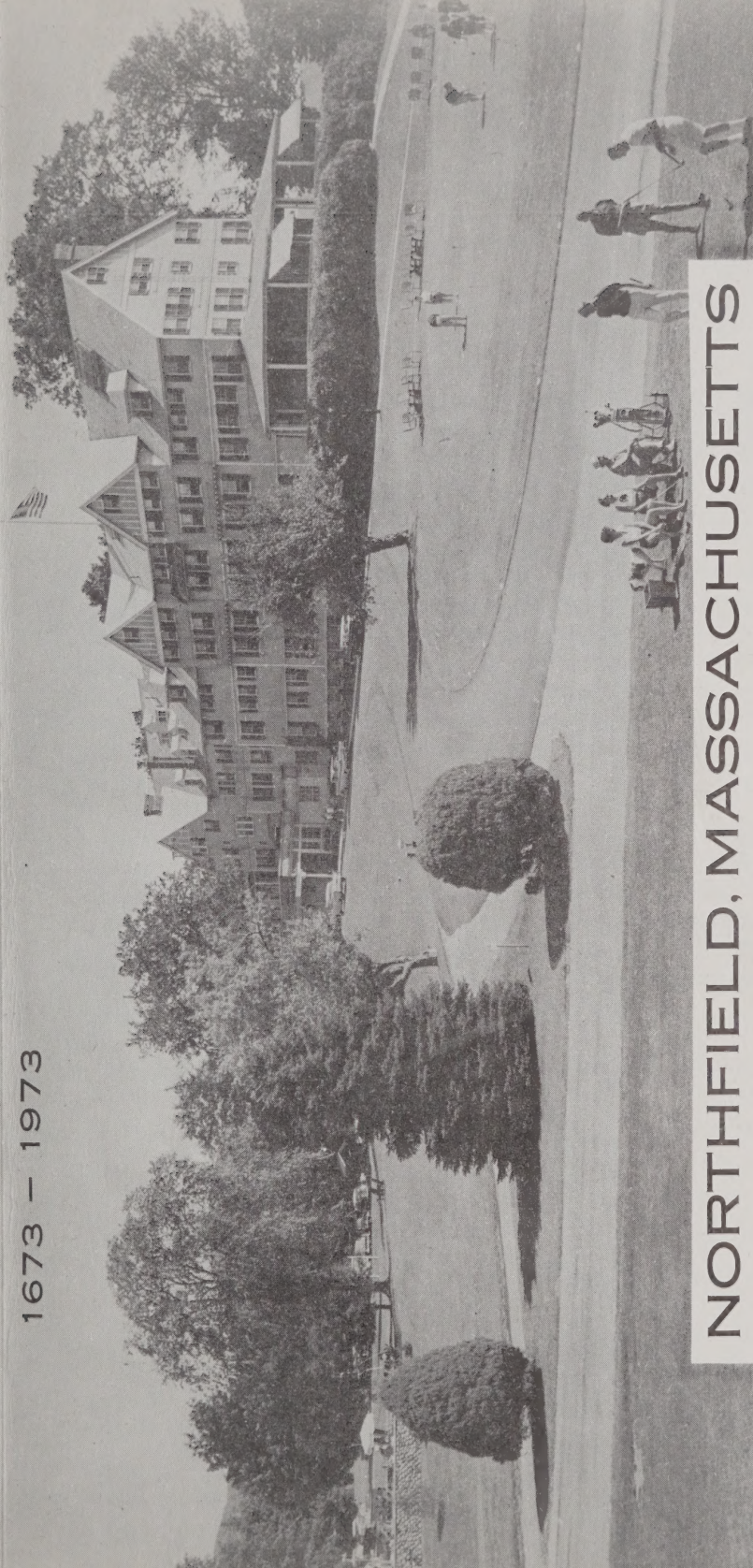


300th ANNIVERSARY

1673 - 1973



NORTHFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

1971

ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

COVER PHOTOS: With the resurgence of the Northfield Inn as a vigorously managed enterprise, and the increased accessibility of the Town with its great asset of a cleaner Connecticut River, Northfield provides an ever more attractive environment for both the home owner and the tourist. From Northfield Mount Hermon School to the north, to the Northfield Mountain Project to the south, the Town embraces at once a novel non-polluting source of power and a substantially increased tax base to supplement a fine regional high school, an internationally known independent preparatory school, and an attractive village setting. Astride the waters that flow to the sea, Northfield and environs comprise an improved environment of rarely combined geographic, social, cultural and economic advantages.

On the front cover appears the Northfield Inn, constructed by the great 19th century evangelist, Dwight L. Moody, to accomodate the friends of the town and of the school that his religious work brought to Northfield. The back cover shows the same view slightly to the north as a winter's sun streams down through a lovely mare's tail sky to brighten a scene pleasant to the memories of all Northfielders.

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Public Relations Department

ANNUAL REPORTS

of

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

of the TOWN of

NORTHFIELD

MASSACHUSETTS

For the year Ending

DECEMBER 31, 1971



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March 1971 to March 1972

MODERATOR

Corys M. Heselton

TOWN CLERK

Horace F. Field

SELECTMEN

William H. Hawley, Chairman	Term expires March 1972
Stanley J. Powers	Term expires March 1973
Carolyn B. Parenteau	Term expires March 1974

ASSESSORS

Warren E. Whitney, Clerk	Term expires March 1972
Lee H. Sheldon	Term expires March 1973
Roger M. Greenwood, Chairman	Term expires March 1974

TAX COLLECTOR

Gordon W. Leavis	Term expires March 1972
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TREASURER

Delores R. Avery	Term expires March 1973
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SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Frank J. Rockwell	Term expires March 1972
Wallace E. Stange, Chairman	Term expires March 1973
Thomas R. Shearer	Term expires March 1974

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

John Thayer	Appointed to March 1972
Guy H. Cote	Term expires March 1973

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Margaret L. Jones	Term expires March 1972
George M. Leonard	Term expires March 1972
Evelyn H. Parker	Term expires March 1973
William H. Hawley, Chairman	Term expires March 1973
Luman A. Barber	Term expires March 1974
Elsie S. Scott	Term expires March 1974

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Richard H. Bassett	Term expires March 1972
Owen Stacey	Term expires March 1973
Horace F. Field	Term expires March 1974

Richard H. Bassett

Term expires March 1973

CONSTABLES

Kenneth J. Cort

Term expires March 1974

Joseph J. DeMaria

Term expires March 1974

Joseph G. Morgan

Term expires March 1974

William J. Young

Term expires March 1974

PLANNING BOARD

John T. Callahan

Term expires March 1972

John J. Carson

Term expires March 1972

Harold A. Newton, Chairman

Term expires March 1973

David G. Quinn

Term expires March 1974

Norman F. Fowler

Term expires March 1976

APPOINTED BY THE MODERATOR

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Frederick J. Billiel, Chairman

Term expires March 1972

Peter E. Ladzinski, Jr.

Term expires March 1972

Dwight P. Stearns, Secretary

Term expires March 1973

Stanley T. Wickey

Term expires March 1973

Charles W. Llewelyn

Term expires March 1974

Edward M. Powell, Jr.

Term expires March 1974

RECREATION COMMISSION

David N. Amsden

Mrs. Arthur E. James

Edwin Finch, Chairman

Sally F. Lindgren

Mrs. David Gibson

Mrs. William Messer

Charles E. Welner

Eugene Galvis

REGIONAL REFUSE DISPOSAL DISTRICT PLANNING COMMITTEE

Willis Parker

David J. Mroczek

Wallace E. Stange, Chairman

REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
PLANNING COMMITTEE

Mrs. Fred Fuller

Howard H. Maynard

Thomas R. Shearer

TERCENTENARY COMMITTEE

Frederick Balk

David Mroczek

Gladys Bistrek

Dorothy Pollen

Alfred Holton

Edward M. Powell, Jr.

Ann James

Ray K. Thompson

George M. Leonard, Chairman

William Walker, Jr.

FIRETRUCK STUDY COMMITTEE

Clesson M. Field, Jr.

Paul M. Mayberry

Gardner Hudson

Dwight P. Stearns

Howard Williams, Chairman

James C. Allen
Edwin C. Becker
Horace W. Bolton
J. Regan Brown
Homer F. Browning, Jr.
Duncan F. Campbell
Raymond E. Clark
Hamilton S. Cregar
James R. Dale
Edward E. Doolittle
Hubert J. Eastman
Ora H. Gilligan
Arthur E. Gleason
Laurence M. Hammond

Corys M. Heselton
Everett T. Hurlburt
Peter E. Ladzinski, Jr.
Velma E. Lanphear
Priscilla Lawrence
Edgar J. Livingston
Dorothy Avery Mann
Esther T. Nicholson
Paul E. Olson
Willis K. Parker
Robert Lemuel Shedd
Carl J. Stone
Natalie L. Tunison
Alvan R. Wood

APPOINTMENTS BY SELECTMEN FOR 1972

ACCOUNTANT

Ann P. James

Term expires July 1974

CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Clesson M. Field, Jr.

ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF

Ernest Lawrence

DEPUTY FIRE WARDENS

Marvin Holloway

Ernest Lawrence

David G. Quinn

CHIEF OF POLICE

Brian J. Scott

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

Harold F. Bigelow, Jr.
Joseph J. DeMaria
Walford L. Meacham
Eugene L. Miller

Joseph G. Morgan
Edward M. Powell, Jr.
Dwight P. Stearns
William J. Young

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS - FOR SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

David A. Miller
Harold L. Johnson

Frederick G. Parker
David G. Quinn

John D. Ware

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Alan S. Bolton

Term expires March 1973

GYPSY MOTH AGENT

Richard H. Bassett

PUBLIC WEIGHERS

Dominick J. Ferrante
Frank S. KelleyDonald D. Smith
Warren E. Whitney

ANIMAL INSPECTOR

Gilbert S. Hammond

Term expires April 1973

FIELD DRIVERS AND FENCE VIEWERS

James E. Dresser, Jr.
Fredd M. FullerRobert L. Gibson
Paul T. Gorzocoski

SURVEYOR OF WOOD AND TIMBER

James E. Dresser

DOG OFFICER

William J. Young

FOREST WARDEN

Richard H. Bassett

HEALTH INSPECTOR

John A. Brickett

PLUMBING INSPECTORS

Frederick D. MacNeill

Everon P. Pollen

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

John A. Hogan
Doris S. Balk
Laurence M. HammondTerm expires 1972
Appointed to 1973
Term expires 1974

ELECTION OFFICERS

James R. Dale
Catherine E. Gilbert
Helen M. GreenAnn P. James
Edward M. Powell, Jr.
Harrison Stacy

Helen M. Stearns

SUBSTITUTE ELECTION OFFICERS

Delores R. Avery
Mary L. HoltonMychaeline H. Skinner
Edith M. Smolen

WIRING INSPECTOR

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Stanley J. Powers

BOARD OF APPEALS

Harvey H. Hatheway	Term expires December 1972
Harold A. Newton, Chairman	Term expires December 1973
John Carson	Term expires December 1974
Norman F. Fowler	Associate Member
George L. Partridge	Associate Member

SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Stanley E. Johnson	Term expires March 1972
Allen M. Sibley	Term expires March 1973
Carl A. Pelzel, Chairman	Term expires March 1974

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

During the year, forty-four diseased Elm trees were removed. There were sixteen samples taken and sent to the Shade Tree Laboratories For Culture. A total of fourteen trees were found positive and they should be removed.

We were again able to have the personnel of The Shade Tree Laboratories help us take samples.

The mosquito and black fly spraying was continued. This service is available on private properties if requested by the owner.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the men in my department for their splendid cooperation in helping me carry out the various programs this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD H. BASSETT

Moth Superintendent

The year 1971 has been a year of stabilization and consolidation. The completion of the Northfield Mountain pumped storage project, the newly constructed Route 10, and the actual commencement of the sewage disposal plant and interceptor lines are welcome developments. Progress toward a central disposal area for Northfield and adjoining towns is being made; and a new regional vocational school committee with Northfield membership is determinedly at work. At the same time the various town departments and officials have continued to develop their operations and procedures for greater efficiency and service to the Town. A helpful device in this area is a newly published booklet containing an outline of procedural statutory requirements for the Town's administration from one year to the next, officers to be elected, appointments to be made, the personnel policies and regulations of all departments of the Town and the Town's by-laws and land use protective regulations.

The repainting and refurbishing of the Town Hall and purchase of new chairs and tables for the ground floor meeting room has been matched by the repair and repainting of the interior of the fire station, and the recent repainting of the library and covering of the skylight to eliminate water damage, all part of a program to maintain the Town's public buildings in first class condition. Supplementing the new heating system, the repainting of the main auditorium of the Town Hall will bring the schedule up-to-date. Not the least part of this program is the considerable effort and care bestowed on the buildings by their custodians or departments.

The highways and streets programs have been improved by the addition or hardtopping on various worn down roads, the straightening and leveling of a portion of Winchester Roads, the widening and oiling of the portion of School Street east of Birnam Road, the graveling of Pentecost Road preparatory to further surfacing in 1972, and the continuing Chapter 90 reconstruction of Mount Hermon Station Road. Schell Bridge constitutes a serious problem.

Owned by the Town and undesired by the State, this bridge is in need of major repairs that will be extremely costly and impossible to effect before a three- to five-year interval. That it will have to be closed to all but foot or other light traffic seems inevitable.

Planned for 1972 is the completion of the Mount Hermon Station Road program and the resurfacing of Pine Meadow Road north from its southernmost point. Following the relocation of Route 10, the Department of Public Works has restored to the Town the old Route 10 as reconstructed and furnished with a new asphalt surface. Acceptance by the Town has also insured for the Town access to the Connecticut River from both sides at the old bridgeheads. As the River is gradually cleaned up, its possibilities as a recreational and boating facility make these access roads major assets.

Following a developmental first year, the Police Department has settled into an effective routine of protective activity. During his tenure, Chief Horak set a high standard of professional competence. Under his direction a cadre of able special police has been developed whose interest and loyalty to the Town are helping to maintain stability amidst growing problems of traffic and population mobility. The new chief may be expected to carry on effectively with the assistance of this cadre.

Fifty-two building permits were issued with total estimated construction costs of \$151,091.00. The need for more housing in Northfield continues, and with the lower tax rate made possible by the Northfield Mountain Project, it is hoped, will bring some specific proposals before the Town in the foreseeable future. The consolidation of the various recent amendments to the zoning by-laws (land use protective regulation by-law) together with the subdivision and apartment and communal facility provisions gives the Town a complete and useful device for controlling and directing its physical growth along permanently desirable lines.

The contract for an assessors map recently voted by the Town and negotiated by the Board

of Assessors will provide a valuable tool not only for assessment and valuation, but in determining and studying the ownership and use of the various land areas of the Town. The Town will grow physically in housing and recreational use. It is essential that this growth be stimulated to take directions that will be advantageous and conducive to improved living and esthetic standards, healthful and pleasant to future generations as well as ours.

Recognizing the lack of time of the Board of Selectmen to carry on its administrative functions and to do justice to the health needs and developments in the community, the Town has voted to elect a separate board of Health in 1972. The greatly increased possibilities for more and improved health programs can now be given the necessary time and study for installation and promotion. At the same time, the state health regulations and statutes can receive more effective administration and enforcement. The Board can and should be one of the most important units of Town administration.

This year the Town voted to purchase a new highway truck with related equipment, a new police cruiser, and a new fire truck especially designed for forest fires. Increasing interest is being shown in capital budget planning by various town departments, and it is hoped that future capital needs may be anticipated with greater awareness of the importance of planning to acquire and maintain the optimum equipment and facilities for the town's house-keeping functions.

Coincidentally the Board of Selectmen recommends that the Town accept a statute that provides for the establishment of a purchasing department and appointment of a purchasing agent to acquire all town equipment and supplies under the direction of the Board. A recent statute enabling purchasing agents from groups of towns to join together in group purchase and bidding makes it advantageous for the Town to have such an agent. Group buying in large quantities will require more planning but will at the same time effect substantial savings at a time when prices for all items are continually increasing.

Regrettably necessary because of increased traffic and general safety problems, the newly installed high intensity mercury vapor lights on the Main Street have set a pattern that in these times needs to be extended strategically to various parts of the Town. A current study by lighting engineers will outline for the Town various alternatives for consideration at the annual town meeting.

Your Board of Selectmen is privileged to serve in a community that readily supports constructive and progressive proposals. We have sought to direct our work and study toward the improvement of the quality of living in Northfield. The cooperation and appreciation of the citizens of the Town is substantial compensation for the long hours and unceasing responsibility that burden the office.

Respectfully submitted,

William H. Hawley, Chairman
Stanley J. Powers
Carolyn B. Parenteau

BOARD OF HEALTH REPORT

The cases reported to the Board of Health in 1971 were:

Dog Bites	6
Pneumococcal	1

It is extremely important that the Vital Statistics record be complete and correct. If any errors or omissions are discovered the Clerk will deem it a favor to have them reported at once so that any corrections may be made.

As required by Chapter 46, Section 15, General Laws of Massachusetts:

Notice is hereby given that the Town Clerk will furnish blanks for returns of births to parents, householders, physicians and registered hospital officers applying for the same.

BIRTHS RECORDED IN 1971

DATE	NAME	PARENTS
January		
16	Reddy, Jeffery Thomas	Wallace F., Jr. & Stephanie
February		
1	Browning, Margaret Joyce	Samuel J. & Joyce W.
6	Nelson, Joy Lillian	John C. & Janice M.
6	Howes, I AM	Thomas L. & Sandra W.
7	Fuller, Eric Cole	Gilbert E. & Barbara K.
21	Holloway, Cindy Ann	Norman W. & Audrey L.
April		
5	Whitney, Jacklyn Ellen	Ronald J. & Linda M.
7	Roth, James Michael	Dennis J. & Elizabeth B.
20	Moody, Aaron Boyd	Stephen H. & Catherine B.
May		
4	Daniels, Margaret Denise	Allen H. & Esther R.
19	Geller, Gretchen Elizabeth	Lawrence J. & Cynthia O.
30	Smith, Jerome Bryant	Michael E. & Joanna M.
June		
3	Wright, Marcia Jean	Raymond W. & Karen T.
2	Johnson, Timothy Eric	Ronald A. & Julia S.
9	Dove, David Michael	Harold R. & Donna M.
23	Robbins, Kevin Michael	Donald O. & Patricia K.
July		
9	Gates, Joshua Henry	Henry W. & Anne M.
20	Ryan, Donald Paul, Jr.	Donald P. & Ann L.
22	Sullivan, Tamara	David J. & Sally S.
31	Shepard, William Curtis	Curtis D. & Joyce S.
August		
18	Matre, Richard John	Richard & Joan R.
20	Evans, Jaime Michael	Edward M., Jr. & Carol F.
27	Henderson, Julie	Donald C., Jr. & Janice D.
28	Bean, Brenda Elaine	Edward J. & Doreen L.

? no original record

39 marriage

2 intention

October

13

4 Genest, Jeanna Marie
9 Snow, Michelle Lynn
10 Sweeney, Andrea Lynne
18 Edes, Heather Victoria

Roger W. & Virginia B.
Donald R. & Ruth W.
Theodore R. & Elizabeth M.
Russell H. & Marcia P.

November

9 Lennon, Gabriel Snow
10 Sibley, Melonee Lyn
13 Johnson, Jennifer Lyn
17 Field, Rebecca

Kenneth M. & Susan S.
Allen M. & Barbara F.
David M. & Judith T.
James W. & Mary G.

December

9 Elie, John Henry
30 Brown, Lynn Dee
31 Baltzer, Paul Alan

Wayne L. & Donna S.
Ronnie A. & Dale G.
Herndale R. & Nancy S.

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN 1971

DATE	name & RESIDENCE	PLACE OF MARRIAGE
April		
23 ✓	Arel, Alphonse Vincent, Millers Falls, Mass. Holton, Georgia Francis (French) Northfield, Mass.	Millers Falls, Northfield, Mass.
30 ✓	McBrine, Edgar Burns, Jr., Putney, Vt. May, Moreene (Denyou), Vernon, Vermont	Northfield, Mass.
May		
1 ✓	Foster, Stephen Richard, Holyoke, Mass. Reed, Susan Payne, Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
10 ✓	Cogswell, Gordon L., Orange, Mass. Johnson, Marjorie C. Shaw, Warwick, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
11 ✓	Brown, Ronnie Afton, Montague, Mass. Gamache, Dale Susan, Northfield, Mass.	Montague, Mass.
15 ✓	Phelps, Norman Bruce, Northfield, Mass. Boutwell, Ruth Ann, Northfield, Mass.	Gill, Mass.
15 ✓	Gaines, Robert Edward, Jr., Guilford, Vt. LaBelle, Diane Marie, Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
22 ✓	Omasta, Ronald Francis, Hatfield, Mass. Kane, Nancy Sherman, Hinsdale, N. H.	Northfield, Mass. No
29 ✓	Thibault, Albert Joseph, Springfield, Mass. Castle, Letticia (Wheeler), Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
June		
5 ✓	Woodard, Brian David, Leverett, Mass. Wood, Kathryn Jane, Northfield, Mass.	Turners Falls, Mass.
5 ✓	Pratt, Harold Frank, Winchester, N.H. Zabko, Dorothy May (Millard), Northfield, Mass.	Winchester, N.H.
9 ✓	Smolen, James Edward, Northfield, Mass. Sawyer, Roberta Ann, Amesbury, Mass.	Amesbury, Mass.

- 19 ? Parker, Lawrence Edward, Northfield, Mass. Northfield, Mass.
Gamache, Sheila Ann, Northfield, Mass.

- 20 ~~Metland~~ ^(Noeland) Ralph Elvin, Baton Rouge, La., Westminster, Mass.
Merrow, Gail Allison (Livernoise), Northfield, Mass.

July

- 3 ✓ Adams, Paul Leo, Montague, Mass. Northfield, Mass.
Deene, Corleen Ann, Montague, Mass.

- 3 ? Miller, Robert William Gill, Mass.
Davis, Sally Louise

- 10 ✓ Payne, William Alfred, Northfield, Mass. Greenfield, Mass.
Matthews, Gail Rene, Warwick, Mass.

- 10 ✓ Miller, Ronald Forrest, Westford, Mass. Northfield, Mass.
Leonard, Susan Mae, Northfield, Mass.

- 16 ✓ Darby, Theodore Frederick, Amherst, Mass. So. Hadley, Mass.
Hyde, Jessie (Hall), Northfield, Mass.

- 16 ✓ Clough, William Garry, Northfield, Mass. Bernardston, Mass.
Denison, Mary Louise, Bernardston, Mass.

- 24 ✓ Brown, Robert Lloyd, Bronx, N. Y. Northfield, Mass
Crain, Constance Wright, Westminster, Md.

- 23 ✓ Browning, Richard Louis, Northfield, Mass. Greenfield, Mass.
Palmquist, Ruth Elaine, Greenfield, Mass.

- 31 ? Randall, Michael Leigh Greenfield, Mass.
Greene, Debra Lee

August

- 14 ✓ Kopinto, John Joseph, Montague, Mass. Turners Falls, Mass.
Mello, Teresa Maria, Northfield, Mass.

- 14 ✓ Weigel, Norman F., Southampton, Pa. Northfield, Mass.
Nabhan, Barbara F., Worcester, Mass.

- 21 ✓ Brassor, David Robert, Northfield, Mass. Northfield, Mass.
Wood, Barbara Jean, Northfield, Mass.

September

- 4 ✓ Newland, Michael Jay, Riverdale, N. Y. Northfield, Mass.
Newton, Carol Lee, Northfield, Mass.

- 11 ✓ Billings, George Bartlett, Cambridge, Mass. Northfield, Mass.
Waugh, Rachel Goodness (True), Northfield, Mass.

- 18 ✓ Holloway, James Douglas, Northfield, Mass. Millers Falls, Mass.
Thompson, Hope Anne, Erving, Mass.

- 25 ✓ Stevens, Daniel Robert, Gill, Mass. Northfield, Mass.
Davis, Joyce Elizabeth, Northfield, Mass.

- 26 ✓ McIntire, Gordon Stevens, Northfield, Mass. Northfield, Mass.
Power, Lorraine Rosalie (LaRochelle), Northfield, Mass.

October

- 9 ✓ Papertsian, Harry Andre, Boston, Mass. Northfield, Mass.
Schoepf, Priscilla L., Swampscott, Mass.
- 10 ✓ Kingsbury, George Tilden, Keene, N. H. Gill, Mass.
Lindberg, Jean Seeton (Mitchell) Swanzy Ctr., N.H.
- 26 ✓ Martel, James Dana, Keene, N. H. Montague, Mass.
Drugg, Donna Carol, Keene, N. H.

November

- 20 ✓ Chula, David Joseph, Northfield, Mass. Northfield, Mass.
Raymond, Karen Mae, Sunderland, Mass.
- 4 ✓ Craven, Louis Donat, Montague, Mass. Montague, Mass.
Rubeor, Deborah Lee, Northfield, Mass.

December

- 8 ✓ Adams, Charles F., Brattleboro, Vt. Brattleboro, Vt.
LaBelle, Nancy A., Northfield, Mass.
- 1 ✓ Stavrou, George Thomas, Keene, N. H. Northfield, Mass.
Starks, Muriel Gloria (Tellier), Keene, N.H.
- 1 ? Balog, Stephen, Greenfield, Mass. Northfield, Mass.
Waterman, Kathleen Ann, Northfield, Mass.

DEATHS RECORDED IN 1971

DATE	NAME	YEARS	AGE	
			MONTHS	DAYS
January				
4	Sytnik, Michael	77	-	-
8	LaBelle, Claudia Chandonnais	96	6	4
	Cooper, Marian Grogan	72	6	12
	St. Peter, Doris Fleurette (Guilbault)	56	5	9
February				
	Clark, Walter Rohn, Sr.	80	1	23
	Walker, Edgar	72	8	-
	Hubbard, Edward Melvin	84	3	5
March				
	Bigelow, Harold Fostone, Sr.	75	5	8
	Trumble, Sarah Atwood	87	8	18
	Sliwa, Helen Smolen	72	0	11

March	Name	Years	Age	
			Months	Days
13	Weston, Myra Leighton	40	1	5
29	Thayer, Anne (Palmer)	81	11	6
April				
12	Mankowsky, John A.	84	8	20
14	Morse, Edwin Lewis	76	11	19
16	Dunnell, Ethel Josephine	84	9	7
26	Briesmaster, Frederick H.	90	9	14
29	Wilson, Esther Gregory	75	6	24
May				
14	Potter, William B.	64	1	13
30	Gans, Otto F.	97	8	26
June				
2	Johnson, Carroll W.	63	8	14
3	Thompson, Paul Bushnell	58	7	21
28	Gamash, Mahlon Francis	48	10	29
July				
3	Pearson, Eliza Down	95	2	9
August				
12	Cooper, Charles Milton	71	1	15
20	Snow, Donald T., Sr.	77	4	12
22	Thompson, Ethel Kinsman	90	6	19
September				
15	Rikert, Carroll	82	1	13
30	Slate, Fannie Grace Bowman	90	2	1
October				
4	Brank, Clyde Edwin	79	11	10
14	Hicks, Lawrence William	50	8	7
21	Fish, Roy J.	63	3	29
29	White, Charles Raymond	66	10	4
30	Davis, Louis Frederick	84	2	15
December				
2	Rogers, Ethelyn C.	62	3	2
27	Maynard, Ernest	71	11	7

BOARD OF ASSESSORS' REPORT

For the Year Ending December 31, 1971

RECAPITULATION

TOWN APPROPRIATION

(1) To be raised by Taxation	\$740,965.03	
(2) To be taken from Available Funds	<u>106,244.71</u>	\$847,209.74

School Lunch Program	2,056.85	
Free Public Libraries	580.00	
Veterans District Service	2,363.66	
County Retirement System	<u>9,829.10</u>	14,829.61

COUNTY TAX AND ASSESSMENT

County Tax (1971 Estimate)	<u>28,759.67</u>	\ 28,759.67
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STATE TAX AND ASSESSMENTS

State Recreation Areas (Including 1970 Underestimate)	4,748.45	
Audit Municipal Accounts	4.21	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Bills	329.25	
State Assessment System	105.24	
Lower Pioneer Valley Air Pollution Control	<u>204.23</u>	5,391.38
Overlay of Current Year		<u>29,841.90</u>
GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED		\$926,032.30

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS

Cherry Sheet Receipts	\$118,024.11	
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	62,287.30	
Licenses	1,641.50	
Fines	830.00	
General Government	159.00	
Protection of Persons and Property	775.00	
Health and Sanitation	2,000.00	
Libraries local receipts other than State Aid	230.87	
Recreation	342.23	
Interest: On Taxes and Assessments	<u>\$702.84</u>	702.84
Farm Animal, Machinery and Equipt. Excise	<u>1,905.50</u>	\$188,898.35
Overestimates (County Tax)	1,029.57	
Amounts Voted to be taken from Available Funds		
Available Funds	30,814.71	
Free Cash	<u>105,430.00</u>	137,274.28
TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS AND ESTIMATED RECEIPTS		<u>\$326,172.63</u>
NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION ON PROPERTY		<u><u>\$599,859.67</u></u>

1971 TAX RATE

\$31.00 PER \$1,000.00 VALUATION

	Valuation	Tax
Total Personal Property	\$ 5,606,394.00	\$173,797.28
Valuation: Real Estate	13,743,948.00	426,062.39
Total:	\$19,355,412.00	\$599,859.67

TOTAL TAXES LEVIED ON PROPERTY

\$ 599,859.67

COMPUTATION OF TAX RATE

School Tax Rate	64%	\$19.80
General Tax Rate	36%	11.20
Tax Rate per \$1,000.00		\$31.00

Each \$19,000.00 appropriated at Town Meeting represents \$1.00 on the Tax Rate.

TOTAL VALUE OF ASSESSED PERSONAL PROPERTY \$5,606,394.00

VALUE OF ASSESSED REAL ESTATE

Land exclusive of buildings	5,136,490.00
Buildings Exclusive of Land	<u>8,607,458.00</u>

TOTAL VALUE OF ASSESSED REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY \$19,355,412.00ABATEMENTS DURING THE YEAR 1971

LEVY OF	1971	1970	1969
Real and Personal Estate \$	989.94	---	---
Motor Vehicles	4,554.02	\$2,207.21	\$8.74

MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAILER EXCISE

Number of Motor Vehicles	1,779
Total Excise on Motor Vehicles	\$ 80,585.48
Total Assessed Valuation	\$1,298,485.00

Motor Vehicle Incomplete - Compiled to December 31, 1971

This has been another busy year for the Board of Assessors with the regular routine of Tax Commitments, abatements and the continuing process of updating valuations. We have also signed a contract with the Mapping Firm of General Mapping, Inc., Youngwood, Pa., to provide the Property Tax Map which will include every parcel in the Town with all boundaries and dimensions. All parcels will be plotted as per deed description. The map will be completed about June, 1973, which will be approximately eighteen months from the date of contract.

We, the Board of Assessors, appreciate the cooperation and support of the citizens of Northfield and all Town Officials.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger M. Greenwood, Chairman

Lee H. Sheldon

Warren E. Whitney, Clerk

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
Northfield, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Submitted herewith is a report of the activities of the Department of Veterans' Services of the Central Franklin County District and the Veterans' Benefits Department of the Town of Northfield for the year 1971.

SUMMARY OF CONTACTS

January 1, - December 1, 1971

1. Active Service	72
2. Bonus	147
3. Compensation	145
4. Death Benefits	399
5. Discharges	201
6. Education	294
7. Employment	355
8. Finance	498
9. Housing	33
10. Insurance	100
11. Legal	93
12. Loans	107
13. Medical	455
14. Notarizations	83
15. Pension	524
16. Photostats	6462
17. Recordings	102
18. Selective Service	44
19. Social Security	108
20. Taxes	356
21. Veterans' Benefits	5852
22. Vital Statistics	250
23. Unclassified	<u>505</u>
Totals	17185

The figures above represent contacts for all the former Servicemen and women in the various communities in the District.

The Veterans' Benefits Department of the Town of Northfield provided financial assistance to four cases during the year 1971. Two of these cases were deemed to be temporary and the other two are classified as permanent and will continue on the rolls during the year 1972. Gross expenditures for 1971 amounted to \$5,033.86. It is expected that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will reimburse the town in the amount of \$2,516.93 in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 115 as amended, Massachusetts General Laws.

Respectfully submitted,

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD

BY: HOMER L. GAMELIN

Director of Veterans'
Services and Veterans'
Agent

TREE WARDEN'S REPORT

To the Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Northfield:

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1971. This past year nineteen trees had to be removed that were dead or a hazard to the streets or highways.

This Spring 28 trees were planted along our streets and highways. This year flowers were planted in front of the Town Hall, Water Fountain, Alexander Hall, V. F. W. Hall, West Northfield Playground Flagpole, and on five stumps.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD H. BASSETT
TREE WARDEN

March 1 and 2, 1971

The polls were opened at ten A.M. and closed at eight P.M. It was determined that 801 votes were cast with the following results:

Town Clerk, One year	
Horace F. Field	757
Blanks	44
Moderator, one year	
Corys M. Heselton	740
Blanks	61
Selectman, Three years	
John A. Hogan	212
Carolyn B. Parenteau	416
Herbert P. Streeter	163
Blanks	10
Assessor, Three years	
Roger M. Greenwood	723
Blanks	78
Assessor, One Year	
Warren E. Whitney	739
Blanks	82
School Committee, Three years	
Thomas R. Shearer	442
Barbara Ann Walker	335
Blanks	24
Library Trustees, (Two) Three Years	
Luman A. Barber	712
Elsie S. Scott	705
Patricia A. Jurek	1
Blanks	184
Cemetery Commissioner, Three Years	
Horace F. Field	747
Blanks	54
Constables at Large, Three years (Three)	
Kenneth J. Cort	499
Joseph J. DeMaria	588
Clesson M. Field, Jr.	453
Joseph G. Morgan	652
David H. Amsden	1
Blanks	210
Constable, Northfield Farms, Three Years	
William J. Young	746
Blanks	55

Planning Board, Five Years	
Norman F. Fowler	719
Blanks	82
Sewer Commissioner, One year	
Stanley E. Johnson	469
Everon P. Pollen	308
Blanks	24
Sewer Commissioner, Two years	
Allen M. Sibley	692
Blanks	109
Sewer Commissioner, Three years	
Carl A. Pelzel	670
Blanks	131

The results were announced and the meeting was closed to be reopened on Tuesday, March 2, 1971, in accordance with this Warrant.

ATTEST: HORACE F. FIELD

Town Clerk

ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

March 2, 1971

Approximately 300 voters assembled in accordance with the warrant at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Corys M. Heselton, Moderator called the meeting to order and Reverend Philip Nelson gave the invocation. The presentation of the Colors was made by Richard Horak, Andrew Blazejewski, and Eric Wallace of the Boy Scouts and Colleen Livingstone, Cynthia Lindgren, and Ann Morgan of the Girl Scouts. The National Anthem was sung by David Amsden.

James Dale and Mrs. Helen Stearns were appointed tellers and consideration of the Articles of the Warrant resulted in the following action:

Article 1. VOTED: That the Town accept without further action the reports of the several Town Officers, Boards Committees, Commissioners and Trustees as printed in the Annual Town Report.

Article 2. VOTED: Under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 4, General Laws as amended, to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1971, or such current fiscal year as may be established by act of the Legislature and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and, under the provisions of Section 17 of said Chapter, to renew any such note or notes as may be given for a period of less than

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one year, any debt or debts incurred hereunder to be paid from the revenue of the said financial or fiscal year.

Article 3. VOTED: Under the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 5, Clauses 16 and 16A, General Laws, as amended, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to employ legal counsel for general purposes and to prosecute or bring suits for the Town and to defend the Town in any suit or other legal action brought against the Town.

Article 4. VOTED: That the Town as provided by Section 100E, Chapter 41, General Laws, as amended, indemnify the Selectmen and any other municipal officers designated by the Board of Selectmen, or expenses or damages incurred by such official or officer in the defense or settlement of a claim against him, provided that the total liability of the Town for any such claim or claims shall not exceed \$5,000.00 in any event, and provided further that in any instance such claim arose when such official or officer was acting within the scope of his official duties or employment, and that the defense or settlement of such claim shall have been made by the Town Counsel, or by an attorney legally employed for the purpose by the Town, or by an attorney furnished by an insurer obligated under the terms of a policy of insurance to defend the Town against such claim, and raise and appropriate therefor the sum of \$5,000.00.

The following resolution was read by Mr. Powers:

WHEREAS the conduct of the public affairs of the Town of Northfield is made possible by the devoted time and effort of the citizens, and

WHEREAS certain persons have during the past year ended periods of service during which they rendered significant contributions to the public weal

BE IT RESOLVED that the names, nature and length of such service of the following named persons be herewith recorded and spread upon the minutes of this Town Meeting of March 1971 in appropriate commemoration of their work on behalf of the Town:

Howard E. Williams	Fire Department	24 years
	(Including 10½ years as Fire Chief)	

Philip M. Mann, Jr.	Fire Department	24 years
	(Holding all offices except Chief)	

Herbert H. Streeter	Selectmen	6 years
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(signed) Stanley J. Powers
William H. Hawley, Chr.
Carolyn B. Parenteau
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article 5. VOTED: That the Moderator read the amounts recommended by the Finance Committee as salaries of Elected Officials, and also read the totals of all other amounts recommended by the Finance Committee to be raised and appropriated under this article, and unless objection is made, each item as recommended in the report of the Finance Committee shall be tentatively accepted as appropriated for the purpose stated; and if objection is made to any recommendation, such appropriation shall be taken up separately, and the amount thereof and the manner of raising same shall be determined by separate vote of the meeting and tentatively accepted thereby; and after all appropriations have been tentatively accepted, one vote shall be taken appropriating each amount so accepted as a single appropriation, not to be exceeded.

VOTED: That all the salaries of each elected official for the calendar year 1971 be fixed at the amount hereafter appropriated therefor.

VOTED: That all appropriations having been tentatively accepted, one vote shall be taken appropriating each amount accepted as a single appropriation not to be exceeded.

Moderator, Salary & Exp.	70.00	Maint. of Fire Stat.	2000.00
Selectmen	2300.00	Public Safety	50.00
Chairman \$800.00		Wire Inspector	25.00
Other members \$750.00		Tree Trimming & Plant	1200.00
Expense	850.00	Dutch Elm Control	2200.00
Secretary	1700.00	Insect & Pest Control	2000.00
Accountant	1700.00	Dog Officer & Exp.	350.00
Expense	100.00	Civil Defense	25.00
Legal Expense	1000.00	Health	2000.00
Treasurer	1800.00	Dump Control	4000.00
Expense	675.00	Ambulance Service	4550.00
Tax Collector	1500.00	Nurse & Substitute	6500.00
Expense	800.00	Expense	500.00
Tax Title Foreclosure costs	500.00	Clerk	2800.00
Protection of Tax Title Prop.	25.00	Car Exp.	500.00
Assessors	1925.00	Inspection of Animals	450.00
Chairman \$675.00		Interest Charges of	
Others 625.00		Sewer Project	* 4000.00
Expense	1000.00	*This amount to be transferred from unappropriated available funds.	
Town Clerk	1050.00	Sewage Study & Sewer	
Expense	100.00	Commission Exp.	150.00
Election & Registration	1000.00	Highway Supt. Exp.	250.00
Planning Board Expense	100.00	Highway Tools	400.00
Finance Committee Expense	125.00	Highway Sick Leave,	
Town Hall	7000.00	Vacations, Holidays	2200.00
Board of Appeals Expense	100.00	Highways, Bridges,	
Police Chief Salary	8750.00	Railings	3500.00
Special Police Salaries	3000.00	Snow Removal	12,000.00
Police Dept. Operating		Sidewalks	500.00
Expense & Equipment	4000.00	Street Lights	6748.08
Police Dept. Secretary	200.00	Highway Sounds, Surveys,	
Police Communications	500.00	Street Lists	350.00
Fire Dept. Salaries	500.00	Soldiers' Relief	4000.00
Fire Dept. Operating		School Comm. Salaries	
Expense	5500.00	(6 @ \$125.00)	750.00
Fire Dept. Hose & Equip.	1500.00	Schools - Elementary	243,138.00
Hydrants	500.00		
Water Holes	800.00		

PVRS Capital	17,231.00	Discontinue School	
PVRS Operating	267,493.95	Houses	100.00
Town Reports	1200.00	Fence Viewers, Pound	
Memorial & Veterans' Days	350.00	Keepers, Field Drivers	25.00
Alexander Hall	650.00	Maint. of Athletic Field	400.00
Interest	100.00	Recreation Commission	
Insurance	9050.00	Program	4200.00
Chapter 32B	4850.00	Cemeteries	3000.00
Town Clock	100.00	Fire Station Bond &	
Land Damage	500.00	Interest	3252.00

Article 6. VOTED: That the Town authorize the Assessors to appoint one of their members as Clerk of the Board of Assessors under the provisions of Section 4a, Chapter 41, General Laws, as amended, or employ a Clerk, and raise and appropriate the sum of \$1100.00 to pay the salary of such clerk.

Article 7. VOTED: That the sum of \$6000.00, as accepted and received from the Northfield & Mount Hermon Schools for the development of the Master Plan by the Planning Board under the provisions of Chapter 41 Section 81D, General Laws, as amended, to be appropriated for said purpose and use.

Article 8. VOTED: That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into contract with the Board of Public Works, Division of Highways, for repair and improvement of roads and highways, exclusive of state highways, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,500.00 to meet the Town's share of the cost offChapter highway repair and improvement, and that the sum of \$18,150.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds to meet the State's share of the cost of the work, the reimbursement from the State to be restored upon its receipt to the said unappropriated funds.

At this point on a duly seconded motion by Mr. Edwin Finch it was voted (144 yes - 138 No) to act on Article 35 directly after Article 8 (Article 35. By Petition. to see if the Town will vote to reconsider the matter of the proposed Four Mile Brook Area project Construction by WMEC) Article 35. VOTED: on a duly seconded amended Motion by Mr. Raymond Parenteau, that action to reconsider the matter of the Four Mile Brook Area be postponed indefinitely. (The vote was 157 yes - 137 No).

Article 9. VOTED: That the sum of \$28,800.00 be appropriated to meet the cost of Chapter 90 highway construction, and that to meet said appropriation, the sum of \$7,200.00 be raised by taxation, and the sum of \$21,600.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds to meet the State's and the County's share of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the State and the County to be restored upon their receipt to said unappropriated available funds.

Article 10. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 to meet the Town's share of Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance and that the sum of \$8,000.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds to meet the State and County shares the reimbursements from the State and County to be restored upon receipt to said unappropriated available funds.

Article 11. VOTED: That the sum of \$11,680.00 be appropriated for the Machinery Maintenance Account, and to meet said appropriation, the like sum of \$11,680.00 be transferred from the Machinery Earnings Fund.

Article 12. VOTED: That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase a new dump truck and related equipment for the Highway Department, turn in for, trade or dispose of the present International truck and raise and appropriate therefor the sum of \$15,000.00.

Article 12a. VOTED: That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase new tires and related equipment for the used highway grader purchased in 1970, and appropriate and transfer therefor the sum of \$2,000.00 from unappropriated available funds.

Article 12b. VOTED: That the Town accept from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Public Works, under the provisions of Section 5 of Chapter 786 of the Acts of 1969, the sum of \$13,522.20 as reimbursement for sums spent on repair, improvement and reconstruction of Highways and Bridges in 1970.

Article 13. VOTED: That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase a base station, portable radios, and related equipment for the use of the Highway Department, and raise and appropriate therefor the sum of \$500.00.

Article 14. VOTED: (By Amended Motion) That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$826.00 to install 20,000 Lumen Lights from pole #L219 to pole #L243 on Main Street and remove present lights.

Article 15. VOTED: That the Town accept and appropriate for the use of the Dickinson Memorial Library the sum of \$234.71, known as the "Dog Fund", as received from the County as provided in Chapter 140, Section 172, General Laws, as amended.

Article 16. VOTED: That the Town accept the sum of \$580.00 or any other sum of money from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a grant providing state aid for free public libraries under the provisions of Chapter 760 of the Acts of 1960, as amended, and to appropriate the exact sum so received for its public library or libraries.

Article 17. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 for the use of the Field Library at Northfield Farms.

Article 18. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,681.00 for the operation of the Dickinson Memorial Library.

Article 19. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to purchase fish to be liberated in the streams of the Town under the supervision of the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 20. VOTED: That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept from the County of Franklin any sum or sums of money as determined by the County Commissioners for the suppressing of pests under Chapter 132 or for Dutch Elm Disease control.

Article 21. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$215,000.00 to supplement the appropriation provided under Article 38 at the Annual Town Meeting of March 4, 1969, for the construction of sewage treatment disposal facilities and related Interceptor Sewers for the Town of Northfield, and for the purchase of easements or licenses as voted under Article 27b at the Annual Town Meeting of March 3, 1970; and to meet this supplemental appropriation of the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow such sum in accordance with the provisions of Section 8, Clause 15 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, as amended, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, said amount to be borrowed to be reduced by any gift received from the Northfield and Mount Hermon Schools for this purpose and by any Federal or State Funds received as a contribution toward the cost of this project; the Board of Selectmen being hereby authorized to make application for any Federal or State grants available and to sign any and all documents, applications and contracts or other instruments that may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this vote.

Article 22. VOTED: That the Town accept from the Northfield and Mount Hermon Schools the sum or sums totaling \$2,000.00, and appropriate said fund for the Town expenditure for the year 1971 under the Town's contract for the provisions of ambulance service.

Article 23. VOTED: That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase a new police cruiser and related equipment for the Police Department, turn in for trade or dispose of the present cruiser, and raise and appropriate therefor the sum of \$3,000.00.

Article 24. VOTED: That the Town transfer from the Overlay Reserve the sum of \$5,000.00, for a Reserve Fund for 1971, as provided by Chapter 59, Section 25, General Laws, as amended.

Article 25. VOTED: That the Town transfer the sum of \$30,000.00 from unappropriated available funds to be used by the Board of Assessors as its discretion in determining the 1971 tax rate.

Article 26. VOTED: That the Town Transfer from the Overlay Reserve the sum of \$25,000.00 to the Stabilization Fund, as provided by Chapter 59, Section 25, General Laws, as amended.

Article 27. VOTED: That the Town instruct the Board of Selectmen to purchase or take by eminent domain from the estate of Gracie F. Slate whenever it shall become available, the Slate property south of and contiguous to the Town Hall site, described as follows in deed of Elmer Z. Richards and Flora E. Richards to Charles F. Slate and Gracie F. Slate dated

June 7, 1940, and recorded in Franklin County Registry of Deeds Book 844, Page 270: "A certain parcel of land situated on the easterly side of Main Street in said Northfield, bounded and described as follows: Westerly by said Main Street 37 feet; North-erly in part on land of the Town of Northfield and in part on land now or formerly of Frank W. Williams 435 feet; easterly on the remaining land of said Flora E. Richards 37 feet; and South-erly on land of said Flora E. Richards 435 feet.", and transfer from unappropriated available funds the sum of \$10,000.00 for said purchase or taking and for the maintenance thereof for the balance of the year 1971. (2/3 vote required - Vote on the above was 146 yes - 7 No).

Article 28. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 to be expended by the Board of Selectmen in repainting the exterior trim and woodwork of the Town Hall and in making any necessary repairs thereto.

Article 29. VOTED: That the Verbal report of the Committee on study of expansion and storage facilities at the Town Hall be accepted and that no action be taken at this time.

Article 30. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen to make necessary repairs on and in the Fire House and to repaint the interior.

Article 31. VOTED: That the Moderator appoint a study committee of five citizens of the Town, to contain at least one member of the Fire Department, to investigate the purchase of a new Fire Truck or vehicle to be used chiefly for fighting forest fires and rescue work and to make recommendations at the next special or annual town meeting.

Article 32. MOTION DEFEATED: That the Town Create a long term capital requirements committee to be known as the Capital Improvement Program Committee.

Article 33. VOTED: That the Committee appointed to study with another Town or Towns the establishment of a regional disposal facility, be instructed to continue its study and research, and to make a further report at the next special or Annual Town Meeting, and that the sum of \$900.00 be raised and appropriated therefor.

Article 34. VOTED: (Unanimously) That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 for the use of the Committee duly organized to plan for the Tercentenary Celebration in 1973 and to institute the study and development of related programs and projects incidental thereto.

Article 35. (See vote on this Article after Article 8.)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

HORACE F. FIELD
TOWN CLERK

January 11, 1971

About 140 voters of the Town of Northfield met at the Town Hall in accordance with the Warrant as Posted. Mr. Corys M. Heselton called the Meeting to order at 8:00 o'clock P. M., Rev. Philip Nelson gave the invocation and the following action was taken.

Article 1. VOTED: That in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A, General Laws of Massachusetts, as amended, the Town amend the Northfield Land Use Protective Regulations By-Law by adopting the following additions and revisions as set forth in the warrant for this meeting, each of the four numbered items to be considered as a unit and voted upon separately.

1. For the present Section 3, to be deleted, substitute the following provisions:

Section 3. Establishment of Districts

The entire area of the Town of Northfield is hereby designated a "Primarily Residential-Agricultural District." No building or structure shall be constructed, and no building, structure or land shall be used, in whole or in part, for any purpose other than for one or more of the uses herein-after set forth as permitted, or set forth as permissible by special permit.

The vote of this item was: Yes - 119 No - 5

2. For the present Section 4, to be deleted, substitute the following provisions:

Section 4. Use Regulations

(a) Acceptable Land Uses

Except as otherwise provided herein and except where a special permit is required, any building, structure or land may be used for residential or agricultural use.

(b) Additional Uses by Special Permit Only.

The Board of Appeals may, in a specific case, issue a special permit for any of the following additional uses, provided that the premises in question are reasonably adaptable to such use and will allow a proper layout thereof (including adequate separation of buildings and open area from adjacent premises), and provided further that the proposed use:

(I) Will not be injurious or dangerous to the public health, or hazardous because of traffic congestion, danger of fire, or constitute or create a public or common nuisance,

(II) Will not have a material adverse effect on the value of the land and buildings in the neighborhood,

(III) Will not produce noise, vibration, smoke, dust, odors, heat or dare observable at the lot line in amounts clearly detrimental to the normal use of adjacent property.

(IV) Will impose no excess demand on any public water supply,

(V) Will create no detrimental sewage disposal problem, and

(VI) Provided further that adequate off-street parking facilities are or will be made available:

1. The conversion and/or use of dwelling or other building or structure existing on November 27, 1970, as a dwelling for occupancy by three or more families, provided such dwelling, building or structure is located on a lot having an area larger than the minimum required is this By-Law under Section 5 (a) for the construction of a one family dwelling by an additional 3,500 square feet for each of the first two families in excess of one ocomodated thereon, and by an additional 2,000 square feet for each additional family beyond the total number of three, and provided further that no full dwelling unit shall be located above the second floor.

2. A privateclub, lodge, or other non-profit social, cultural, civic or recreational use (but not including any use the chief activity of which is one customarily conducted as a business).

3. A Boarding, Lodging, or Tenement house, or any dwelling or other building or structure constructed, converted or used for dwelling purposes for the accommodation of five or more persons beyond the second degree or relationship as defined in the civil law, including a public or private communal living facility, so-called, where such number of persons and/or two or more families live together by mutual agreement and consent, provided such dwelling, building or structure is located on a lot having an area larger than the minimum requirements of Section 5(a) by an additional 3,500 square feet for each five persons or fraction thereof beyond the first five such persons, and provided further, that the Board of Appeals may limit the number of such persons to be accomadated on such premises in order to affect compliance with the said general condition governing the issue of special permits (I-IV above), and provided also that such number of persons shall not exceed thirty-five (35) in any event.

4. A mobile home or trailer to be occupied by one family.

5. Multi-family dwellings for three or more families as provided in Section 5 (a).

6. Any building, structure or land to be used or converted for commercial or industrial use.

(e) Unacceptable Land Uses:

1. No "trailer coach park" or other mobile home park or court as defined in Chapter 140 of the General Laws of Massachusetts shall be permitted.

The vote on this item was Yes - 135 No - 3

3. For the present Section 6(b) to be delted, substitute the following provisions:

Section 6. General Regulations

(b) Building and Construction Permits.

No building shall be built, located, or externally altered in size or shape nor changed in use without a permit from the Board of Selectmen, and the Board of Selectmen shall withhold such permit unless such construction, alteration, or proposed use is in conformity with all of the provisions of this By-Law. Where a special permit form or exception by the Board of Appeals is required (pursuant to the provisions of this By-Law), or where an appeal or petition involving a variance is pending, all hearings required shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A of the General Laws of Massachusetts, as amended; in particular, Section 17, providing for notice to abutters and a public hearing, and Section 18, providing for a written decision by the Board of Appeals.

The vote on this item was unanimous

4. To Section 5 (e) (1), add the following phrase after the word "permits" in the first line: "or permits for change in use."

The vote on this item was Yes - 137 No - 2

Article 2. VOTED: That the Town adopt as a part of the Land Use Protective Regulations By-Law the present By-Law relating to unregistered motor vehicles, said by-law to read as follows:

Section 8. Unregistered Motor Vehicles

1. The keeping of more than one unregistered motor vehicle, assembled or disassembled, except by a person licensed under General Laws, Chapter 140, Section 59, on any premises shall not be permitted unless said motor vehicle is stored within an enclosed building.

2. A special permit to keep more than one unregistered motor vehicle on any premises not within an enclosed building after a duly called public hearing to which all abutters to the premises have received notice, may be granted by the Board of Appeals, if it finds that such keeping (1) is in harmony with the general purpose and intent of this By-Law (2) will not adversely affect the neighborhood; and (3) will not be a nuisance.

3. All such special permits granted shall limit the number of unregistered motor vehicles to be kept on the premises by the permit holder, shall not run with the land, and shall be limited to a reasonable length of time.

4. This article shall not apply to motor vehicles which are designed and/or used for farming purposes, nor shall this article apply to landowners or tenants who store motor vehicles so as to be out of sight at all seasons of the year of both abutters and public ways.

The vote on Article 2 was unanimous.

HORACE F. FIELD

TOWN CL. NORTHFIELD

Boston, Mass.

April 26, 1971

The foregoing amendments to zoning by-laws adopted under Article 1 and 2 are approved.

ROBERT H. QUINN

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Article 3. VOTED: That the Town instruct the Board of Selectmen to organize and publish a booklet that shall contain a list of legislative acts adopted by the Town, the By-Laws of the Town, the Land Use Protective Regulations, and other appropriate or related matter, and to transfer from available funds the sum of \$250.00 to be expended therefor.

Article 4. Mr. Hawley spoke on the Sewer Project, the Four Mile Brook Proposal and the Tercentenary celebration. A general discussion followed. No vote or votes were called for or taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 P. M.

ATTEST:

HORACE F. FIELD

TOWN CLERK OF NORTHFIELD

September 20, 1971

Approximately seventy-five voters of the Town of Northfield met at the Town Hall in accordance with the warrant as posted. Mr. Corys M. Heselton called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. The invocation was given by Mr. Harry Erickson and the following action was taken:

ARTICLE 1. VOTED: That the Town accept from Northfield-Mount Hermon School, a Massachusetts corporation, the sum of \$84,500.00 to be applied to the Town's share of the cost of the Sewer Project, and appropriate the said sum for such use and/or for the reduction of any amount or amounts to be borrowed to meet the Town's share of the cost of the Project, or of any indebtedness incurred therefor.

ARTICLE 1a. VOTED: That the Town transfer from unappropriated available funds the sum of \$500.00 to supplement the Legal Expense fund for 1971.

ARTICLE 1b. VOTED: That no money be appropriated to Sewer Project Interest Expense Account at this time.

ARTICLE 2. VOTED: That the Town, having voted under Article 21 at the annual Town Meeting of March 2, 1971, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sign any and all documents, applications, and contracts or other instruments necessary to carry out the Sewer Project, extend such authorization to the Board of Sewer Commissioners, as duly constituted, and to ratify and confirm any such acts already performed or executed by said Board of Sewer Commissioners.

ARTICLE 3. VOTED: That the Town transfer from unappropriated available funds the sum of \$475.00 for the purchase of a blueprint cabinet to be used to store the Town's charts and blueprints and related materials.

ARTICLE 4. VOTED: That the Town transfer from unappropriated available funds the sum of \$19,500.00 for an assessors' map of the Town of Northfield and related indices, and authorize the Board of Assessors under the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 4, General Laws, as amended, to contract for its preparation.

ARTICLE 5. VOTED: (Yes - 75, No-0) That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of by public auction the so-called Azuba Hill lot, situated in Northfield on St. Mary's Street, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the southeasterly corner thereof at a post at or near Sand Bank, also land formerly of Wright and Coy; thence north 60° west by said Wright and Coy land 38 rods and 9 links more or less, to a stone bound at land formerly of William Phelps; thence south 30° west by said Phelps's land 8½ rods, more or less, to a corner; thence southeasterly about 38 rods and 10

links to a corner; thence north 30° east 9 rods and 19 links to the place of beginning; being the same premises conveyed to the Inhabitants of Northfield by deed of Jennie L. Proctor dated March 12, 1912, recorded in Franklin County Registry of Deeds, Book 579, Page 321.

ARTICLE 6. VOTED: That the Town accept the sum of Five Hundred eighty dollars (\$580.00) as received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the provisions of Chapter 760 of the Acts of 1960, as amended, and appropriate the said sum for its public library or libraries.

ARTICLE 7. VOTED: That the Town transfer from unappropriated available funds the sum of \$425.00 to be used to cover by boarding over the skylight on the roof of the Dickinson Memorial Library.

ARTICLE 7a. VOTED: That the Town transfer from unappropriated available funds the sum of \$350.00 to effect certain repairs to the building and especially the windows of the Historical Society building on Pine Street.

ARTICLE 8. VOTED: That the Town transfer from unappropriated available funds the sum of \$58.28 to complete the salary of the Secretary to the Town Nurse for the year 1971.

ARTICLE 9. VOTED: That the Town transfer from unappropriated available funds the sum of \$1,800.00 to supplement the Insurance account for 1971.

ARTICLE 10. VOTED: That the Town transfer from unappropriated available funds the sum of \$500.00 to supplement the Street-light account for 1971.

ARTICLE 11. VOTED: That the Town transfer from unappropriated available funds the sum of \$325.00 to provide additional street-lighting in the Town, chiefly on the Main Street.

ARTICLE 12. VOTED: That the Town transfer from unappropriated available funds the sum of \$1,200.00 to supplement the Soldier's Relief account for 1971.

ARTICLE 13. VOTED: That the Town transfer from unappropriated available funds the sum of \$300.00 to supplement the Election and Registration account for 1971.

ARTICLE 14. VOTED: That the Town transfer from unappropriated available funds the sum of \$1,250.00, said sum being approximately equivalent to the surplus remaining in the fund voted under Article 28 at the annual town meeting of March 2, 1971, for the repainting of the exterior of the Town Hall, for the purchase of new tables and folding chairs for the ground floor meeting room of the Town Hall, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of the present tables and chairs.

ARTICLE 15. VOTED: That the Town agree to the amendment of the Pioneer Valley Regional School Agreement, as amended, by deleting the present Paragraph 5g of the said Agreement and substituting therefor the following Paragraph: "g. The payment of proportionate shares of operating and capital costs of each of the Member Towns for each year shall be made, upon certification by the District Treasurer as specified in Section 9 below, by the respective town treasurers by check payable to the District in five equal installments on the fifteenth day of January, April, June, August, and November."

ARTICLE 15a. VOTED: That the Town rescind that portion of Article 5 as voted at the annual town meeting of March 2, 1971, setting the salaries of the Northfield members of the Pioneer Valley Regional School District Committee at \$125.00 each, and provide instead for an expense item for each such member to be transferred from unappropriated available funds and not to exceed \$100.00 each, any such expense to be duly vouchered to the Board of Selectmen and the Town Accountant.

ARTICLE 16. VOTED: That the Town under the provisions of Chapter 71, Section 14, General Laws, as amended, create a regional school district planning committee, to consist of three members, including one member of the School Committee, to be appointed by the Moderator, which under further provisions of said Chapter 71 shall be authorized to join with similar committees from other towns to form a regional school district planning board for the purpose of studying the advisability of establishing a regional school district to develop or construct, maintain and operate a regional vocational school.

ARTICLE 17. VOTED: That the Town under the provisions of Chapter 111, Section 26, and Chapter 41, Section 1, General Laws, as amended, elect at the next annual election, March 1972, a Board of Health to consist of three members, one to be elected for one year, one for two years, and one for three years, and at each annual election thereafter, one for three years.

ARTICLE 18. VOTED: That the Town transfer from unappropriated available funds the sum of \$500.00 to supplement the Cemeteries account for 1971.

ARTICLE 19. VOTED: That the Town accept the sum of \$100.00 for the perpetual care of the L. Lorimer Drury family lot in Mount Hermon Cemetery.

ARTICLE 20. VOTED: (Yes - 62 No - 0) That the Town transfer from unappropriated available funds the sum of \$160.00 for payment to Bostley Sanitary Service, Inc., of Greenfield, Massachusetts, for services rendered at the Schell Pool in 1970.

ARTICLE 21. VOTED: That the Town transfer from unappropriated available funds the sum of \$250.00 to make certain repairs at the Schell Pool caused by vandalsim in connection with the Town's use of the pool as a public swimming area.

ARTICLE 22. VOTED: That the town accept that portion of Massachusetts highway Route 10 on the 1927 and 1912 layout as shown in plan on file at Franklin County Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 8, Page 25, lying between the Gill-Northfield town line and the Central Vermont Railroad, a distance of 1.56 miles, as reconstructed and discontinued in use by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

ARTICLE 23. DEFEATED: That the Town transfer from unappropriated available funds the sum of \$3,200.00 for the purchase of a new four-wheel drive pick-up truck with a plow and related equipment, for the plowing of sidewalks and for general use of the highway department, the present such truck to be disposed of in trade.

ARTICLE 24. VOTED: That the Town transfer \$2,500.00 from unappropriated available funds and \$1,000.00 from the Machinery Earnings Fund to supplement the Machinery Maintenance fund for 1971.

ARTICLE 25. VOTED: That the Town transfer from unappropriated available funds the sum of \$3,000.00 to supplement the Snow Removal Account for 1971.

ARTICLE 26. VOTED: That the Town transfer from unappropriated available funds the sum of \$3,500.00 to supplement the Fire Department Operating account for 1971.

ARTICLE 27. VOTED BY AMENDED MOTION: That the Town transfer from unappropriated available funds the sum of \$17,000.00 for the purchase of a new fire truck to be used chiefly for forest fires and rescue work, the present such truck to be turned in for trade or otherwise disposed of.

ARTICLE 28. VOTED: That the Town take a poll of the voters present as to preferences for the name to be given to the new Connecticut River bridge on Route 10 and request the Board of Selectmen to forward such preferences to the Town's representatives in the Massachusetts legislature.

ARTICLE 29. VOTED: That the Town hear and accept without further action the reports of any commissions, boards, or ad hoc committees on any aspect or matter of town business or affair.

ATTEST:

HORACE F. FIELD
Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE
DICKINSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

1971 marks the end of the tenure of another fine and conscientious librarian of the Dickinson Memorial Library, Evangeline C. Cook. Associated with the Library since 1955, Mrs. Cook has maintained from the outset a meticulous technique of procedure, a steady interest in the needs of the community, and unfailing attention to her duties. Difficult as it will be to replace such a person, the Trustees feel that Martha Peterson, the newly elected librarian, will maintain and carry on the conscientious and effective work of the Town's librarians.

Because of increased state aid, for which the Library qualifies because it meets the standards set therefor, the total library budget can be increased without increasing the Town's appropriation more than a nominal amount. Thus the Library will continue to meet its obligations to the community without appreciably increasing the tax burden to the Town despite rising cost of books and services.

The Town's ready and generous support of the Library is appreciated by the Trustees, who herewith express their thanks for the continuing interest and participation of the citizens of the Town. Mrs. Evelyn H. Parker and Mrs. Margaret L. Jones have continued to work effectively in the educational program of the Library. Miss Elsie Scott has continued as Secretary, and George M. Leonard along with Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Parker, and Miss Cott on the book selection committee.

In addition to the several long established trust funds whose interest is used to provide books or services, the Library continues to receive gifts and support from interested individuals. For these thoughtful contributions, the Trustees and the Town are appreciative and grateful.

Respectfully submitted
for the Library Trustees,

WILLIAM H. HAWLEY,
CHAIRMAN

Circulation of library materials:

Adult and Juvenile books	24341
State bookmobile	1969
Inter-library loan	32
Books borrowed for school use	160
Adult and juvenile magazines	2403
Music records	102
TOTAL	<u>29107</u>

Books in circulation:

Added by purchase and gift	677
Withdrawn	917
Total number of books in circulation	16034

Books borrowed from State Bookmobile:

Dickinson Library	2186
Field Library	1655

Total number of borrowers 950

Fines turned in to Town Treasurer \$300.17

I extend my thanks to friends and readers who have given books, magazines, music records and jigsaw puzzles to the Library during the past year.

During the months of March and April pupils of Grade Six attended classes, at the Library, in the use of reference books and the card catalog.

Also, the Fifth and Sixth Grade classes in reading displayed shadow boxes, which illustrated books read, in the Library during Book Week, November 14-20.

Once again, the annual sale of used books, withdrawn from circulation in the Children's Room, was held during the first week in May. No fines for overdue books were charged in that week. New books were purchased with proceeds of the sale.

After school closed in June, the Librarians sponsored a summer reading program. At its close a film show was given for the readers.

A donation of music records was received from the Columbia Record Company and prepared for circulation.

For the first time in five years, I have taken an inventory of the books in the library collection. Books, more useful to college students than to the general reader, have been given to the library at Greenfield Community College. Two hundred fifty books, which have been on loan to the State Regional Library Center in Greenfield have been given to them outright. Cards for these and for other books withdrawn from the collection, have been removed from the library files.

I thank the Trustees for their help and counsel throughout the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

EVANGELINE C. COOK

Librarian

DOG OFFICER'S REPORT

During the year 1971 fifty-one dogs were picked up. Twenty-four of these were claimed by the owners, two had been hit by automobiles and were taken care of, and twenty-five were kept the required ten days and disposed of.

Many calls were received concerning dogs which were allowed to run at large and were causing trouble by chasing deer, frightening children in the school yard, and otherwise disturbing neighbors and pedestrians.

More cooperation by owners in restraining dogs or keeping track of their whereabouts would be appreciated by others in the community and by the Dog Officer.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM J. YOUNG

Dog Officer

REPORT OF PUBLIC SAFETY INSPECTOR

We have inspected all the public schools, private schools, public buildings and churches in Northfield as well as the hotels and communes.

Fire extinguishers have been recharged where needed or replaced with new ones where necessary. New buildings have been added at Northfield School for Girls and Linden Hill School with new fire prevention equipment installed.

We have held fire drills at Center School, Pioneer Valley Regional School, Linden Hill School and Northfield School for Girls with very good results. The Fire Department feels that these drills should be held at least three times a year.

The number of building, oil burner, gas tank, fuel tank and propane tank inspections has increased this year as has the number of blasting and oil storage permits issued.

I would like to thank all town, school and church officials and all building and heating contractors for their fine cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

CLESSON M. FIELD

REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN

There was only one major forest fire this year started by a train, but there was a few grass and brush fires.

We have had very good cooperation from the townspeople with the new burning ban that is now in effect and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for myself and for the Fire Department.

Respectfully submitted,

CLESSON M. FIELD

We have had a very busy year due to the considerable increase in grass, dump and railroad fires. We have answered a total of 118 calls which, with due respect to the officers and members, were handled quickly and most efficiently. Because of the increase in fire calls, our maintenance and operating costs have increased accordingly.

The new environmental laws have caused an increased workload on the department as far as the control of dump fires and outside burning.

The accomplishments this year include the following:

The existing fire holes were dug out and three new fire holes created to increase the existing water supply for better community protection. Each of the fire holes were marked for easy identification.

Building maintenance consisted of painting the fire station inside and outside and the addition of new rain gutters and flood lights.

Several of the officers and members of the department have taken and passed the Standard First Aid Course through the courtesy of the Kidder Ambulance Service.

The purchase of a new fire truck was approved at the special town meeting. This new apparatus will be a great asset to the town and the fire department.

With the cooperation of Northeast Utilities, a new and plentiful water supply will be installed at the project. This will be a great benefit in view of the dangerous lack of water in that area.

The 118 calls that were answered are as follows:

Structural fires	5
Chimney Fires	7
Vehicle fires	7
Vehicle accidents	7
Fire investigations	2
Furnace malfunctions	3
Electrical apparatus and furniture	1
Brush or grass fires	20
Dump fires, West Northfield; Center	9
Center	13
Mutual Aid	9
Railroad Fires	9

Stove Fires	2
Gasoline fires	2
Wires down	4
Gasoline spills	2
Drowning	1
Drowning recovery	1
Rubbish fires	4
Forest fires	3
Resuscitator calls	1
Northfield Project fires	1
Fire Prevention	1
False alarms	4

I would like to thank the officers and members of the Fire Department and the Townspeople for their fine cooperation during my first year as fire chief.

Respectfully submitted,

CLESSON M. FIELD

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen and the Townspeople of Northfield:

SUMMARY FOR 1971

Construction has been started on Mt. Hermon Road and will be completed in 1972.

Winchester Road has been rebuilt, straightening some dangerous curves.

All dirt roads have been graded.

Work has been started on South Mountain Road to remove a dangerous curve.

Maple Street and Warwick Avenue have been resurfaced; all other hard-top roads have been oiled.

Guard rails have all been painted, replaced, or repaired as necessary.

Signs for Schell Bridge have been erected, limiting it to six ton.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD E. TURNER

Superintendent of Streets

REPORT OF THE NORTHFIELD RECREATION COMMISSION

To the Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Northfield:

The Commission met early in January voting to hire Carol Anderson and Douglas MacDougal as Co-Directors for the 1971 season. These leaders also volunteered their services for an evening a week at the Town Hall enabling young people to use the facility for their leisure time. Basketball being a popular outlet.

The Summer Program under the direction of Carol and Doug was most successful. JoAnn Quinn was with us for a second season joined by last year's volunteer aide Marta Bachinski, Betty Livingston and Tracy Stevens. The "Tiny Tot" program with an attendance of nearly fifty each day met five mornings a week at the Elementary School Playground with special events held periodically. An Indian Pow-Wow, Family Day Activities at the Kiwanis July 4th Celebration, bike hikes, camping trips and a trip to Boston for a baseball game were highlights of the summer season.

The interest in the 9-12 year old program increased greatly, a credit to our co-directors and aides. Sports, arts and crafts, music, creative movement, field trips and nature hunts filled the days with many activities. A continued need is felt in this area and with continued capable leadership the program should grow.

The Junior Teen program, while attendance was low, was enjoyed by those who participated. More equipment such as camping gear, canoes; sports equipment will aid in an expanding program.

Because of the conflict of summer employment, travel and disinterest, the high school program was virtually non-existent. Providing a center for this age group during the school year would be far more effective than a summer outlet. Plans are being discussed in this area.

Adult recreation took the form of women's softball, men's baseball and touch football, however not under the jurisdiction of the Commission. We have aided by acquiring softball equipment available to any organized playing team.

In summary the Commission is young in development and will take more time to develop a fully rounded program for all ages. Through our operating budget we have managed to acquire a good deal of recreation equipment and with the cooperation this will be put to good use. The volunteer

efforts of all interested persons is needed and appreciated. Without this the activities would soon fall. It is our goal to hire a Recreation Director to provide us with a year round program beneficial to all the residents of Northfield.

Respectfully submitted,

NORTHFIELD RECREATION COMMISSION

Edwin Finch, Chairman
David Amsden
Betty Gibson
Sally Lindgren
Art James
Patricia Messer
Charles Welner

REPORT OF SCHELL POOL
(NORTHFIELD RECREATION COMMISSION)

The Schell Pool season started off with a great deal of volunteer help, donations and above all, the efforts and financial backing of the Kiwanis and the offer of aid by the Lions Club. The dredging of the pool and the addition of sand to the bottom and beach area were completed and paid for by the Kiwanis Club of Northfield. Work groups of the pool committee and interested citizens cleaned up the area, fixed the bath house, cut grass, built a screen filter for above the bridge and generally made the pool more presentable for opening day.

Mr. Al Warywoski was hired as lifeguard with Gary Smolen for an assistant, for the ten week period the pool was open. Vandalism at the pool ran high during the summer months with considerable damage to the already decaying bridge, the bath house, and the mess of oil being placed in the swimming water. The bridge is now repaired at a cost to the taxpayers.

The Franklin County Community Action Corp. under Federal Grant pay for the services of a young man to assist the Commission during the summer months. He worked at the Schell Pool area keeping it picked up and raked and cleaned out an undergrowth of trees. This greatly enhanced the beauty of the area. Also the bath house was painted inside and out by this lad.

Future use of the pool is in question due to the weakness of the dam and the leaks that have developed. The dam is a surface dam and has no true footings. This summer water ran constantly through it and the proper level was unable to be maintained. A recommendation is prepared for this coming year. We also recommend that in the future there be no charge for admission to the pool.

Once again thanks is due to all of the people who volunteered their time and efforts to the continued use of the pool. A desirable situation would be to have our own filtered, sanitary pool for use by all during the warm summer days. Adults at present to not use the pool and it is felt that this is a necessity now.

Respectfully submitted,

NORTHFIELD RECREATION COMMISSION

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
Northfield, Massachusetts

Dear Sirs and Madam:

Submitted herewith is a report of the activities of the Northfield Police Department for the year 1971:

SUMMARY OF CONTACTS

Accidents	74	Misc. Request for Police	597
Breaking & Entering	13	Suspicious Person or	
Motor Vehicle Violations	167	Vehicle	141
Dog Complaints	56	Prowler	15
Defective Equipment Tags	138	Cows, Horses & Pigs	110
Family Trouble	147	Narcotics	11
Larceny	3	Alarm Going Off	32
Malicious Damage	41	Vacant Homes	134
Missing Persons	34	Unsecured Premises	115
Disturbing Peace	6	Pistol Permits &	
Drunk	2	Identification Cards	61
Assaults	3	Assistance Requested From	
Sudden Deaths	2	Other Departments	82
Hit & Run	4	Rape	1
Stolen Motor Vehicles	6	Summons & Warrants Served	47

I wish to express my sincere thanks to the Officers of the Police Department who have donated much of their time in making Northfield a more peaceful community in which to live.

My thanks to the citizens of Northfield who have come forward and have helped through information or assisted in solving crime.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH A. HORAK, JR.

Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE NORTHFIELD SEWER COMMISSION

The construction of the New Sewage Disposal Plant and related interceptors is proceeding on schedule despite adverse working conditions. The project is now approximately 40% complete. Most of the concrete work has been placed at the treatment plant. The 10" southerly interceptor has been constructed. The crossings under the railroad tracks are being jacked into place. It is expected that the treatment plant will become operational during early summer of 1972.

Inspections have been made by both Federal and State funding agencies and approvals from these agencies will be forthcoming. The Town has received \$109,500.00 from Northfield Mount Hermon School in addition to \$6,000.00 received at an earlier time to underwrite the Town's share of the project.

Sewer Commissioners are currently working on the hiring of a plant operator who should be hired and on the site by March or April of 1972 (This is a requirement of the Federal and State agencies who are financially assisting the Town with the sewer project.)

The Commissioners are also working on a program for sewer use charges. Investigatory trips have been made to the Water Resources offices in Amherst and Boston to gather helpful information so that intelligent decisions can be made in the area of sewer use charges.

The Commissioners have been meeting at the Town Hall at least once per month (1st Wednesday in each month), but much preparatory work must be done between these meetings to allow for proper planning for the future so that the project will run smoothly to completion.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL A. PELZEL, Chairman
Northfield Board of
Sewer Commissioners

Northfield's cemeteries have received their usual care and maintenance during 1971.

Expenditures for same may be found in the report of the Town Accountant.

We wish to acknowledge with grateful thanks the splendid work contributed by the Linden Hill School at a clean-up party at the South Mountain Cemetery when the boys raked up, straightened and repaired tombstones, and painted the fence.

Work is progressing in clearing the addition to Mt. Hermon Cemetery, and hopefully will be completed during 1972.

We wish to report the following receipts:

From Floyd C. Aldrich, Gerrish Road, Northfield
for Lot #180 in West Northfield Cemetery \$ 25.00

From Alice J. Briesmaster, 180 Main St., Northfield
for Lot #262 in West Northfield Cemetery. 25.00

From Herbert F. & Jane F. Randolph, Jr.
Winchester Road, Northfield, Mass.
for Lot #177 in West Northfield Cemetery 25.00

From Marshall R. & May F. Lanphear
Birnam Road, Northfield
for Lot #264 in West Northfield Cemetery 25.00

From Mrs. Irene L. Thompson
174 Main Street, Northfield
for Lot #261 in West Northfield Cemetery 25.00

From Courtland R. Finch,
Pine Street, Northfield
for Lot #266 in West Northfield Cemetery 25.00

From Mrs. Erma R. Barnes
Mt. Hermon Road, Northfield
for Lots #155 & #162 in West Northfield Cemetery 50.00

From Leon H. Dunnell
Main Street, Northfield
for Lots #202 & #203 in West Northfield Cemetery 50.00

From Jane E. Munn, for Perpetual Care of Lot #1
in Mount Hermon Cemetery. (In the name of William
& Sarah Eberhardt.) 100.00

From Lincoln E. Warner,
85 Montrose Street, Springfield, Mass.
for Lots #16½ & 17 in Northfield Farms Cemetery 40.00

From Lincoln E. Warner
85 Montrose St., Springfield, Mass.
for Perpetual care of Lots #16½ & 17 in
Northfield Farms Cemetery. 100.00

From David G. Quinn
 Kidder Funeral Home, for opening graves,
 four at \$25.00 each \$180.00

From Ray K. Thompson
 194 Main St., Northfield, Mass.
 for Lot #263 in West Northfield Cemetery 25.00
 TOTAL \$695.00

Respectfully submitted,

OWEN STACEY
 RICHARD H. BASSETT
 HORACE F. FIELD

DOG LICENSES ISSUED IN 1971

Male Dogs	99
Female	14
Female (Spayed)	80
Special Kennel (\$10.00)	2
Special Kennel (\$25.00)	1

SPORTING LICENSES ISSUED IN 1971

Resident Fishing	75
Resident Hinting	87
Resident Sporting	71
Resident Minor Fishing	33
Resident Women's Fishing	22
7-Day Non-Resident Fishing	9
Non-Resident Fishing	70
Resident Minor Trapping	1
Resident Trapping	1
Non-Resident Hunting	18
Archery Deer Stamp	8
Resident Sporting (Free)	19
Duplicate	0
Resident Citizen's Fishing (Free)	3
Resident Military Sporting (Free)	11

OTHER LICENSES AND PERMITS ISSUED IN 1971

Auctioneer	2 Innholder	2
Auctioneer (Temporary)	1 Milk	2
Common Victualler	7 Raffles-Basaars	4
Gasoline & Fuel	30	

HORACE F. FIELD

Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

As Town Treasurer, I have found my job very active and interesting during the year 1971.

I have continued the investment of surplus cash, whenever possible. Investments in Certificate of Deposits have increased the Town's income \$4288.80, during the year.

The Tax Title Accounts have been kept up. Six tax title accounts were redeemed by owners during the year. The tax title accounts of the Wm. Pigott properties were given to Town Council and is in land court now, the Town will be hearing on these deeds sometime during 1972.

August of this year the Taxation Bureau held for the first time a Treasurer's school which I attended, held at the University of Mass. The session ran for three days and was very interesting.

Two loans were issued and paid off. One in Anticipation of Revenue, Loan #198, and the other in Anticipation of State Sewage Disposal Grant Renewal, Loan #199.

The Sewage Project was officially set up. A separate checking account has been opened with the State Street Bank and Trust Company: 225 Franklin Street, Boston, Mass., and all funds will be going through this account. October 29th, 1971, our first State Sewage Disposal Grant payment from the State was received.

Again, I wish to take this opportunity to thank all for their cooperation and support during the past years I have been your treasurer. I have been compelled to resign as Treasurer because I can no longer afford the increasing amount of time required by the position.

Respectfully submitted,

Delores R. Avery
Town Treasurer

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance January 1, 1971	\$ 171,741.70
Receipts for the year 1971	<u>2,022,188.64</u>
Total	\$2,193,930.34

Payments per Warrants 1971	\$2,026,516.22
Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1971	47,578.34
Franklin County Trust Co.	110,819.21
State Street Bank & Trust Co.	7,756.57
Franklin Savings Inst.	<u>1,260.00</u>
Total	2,193,930.34

Franklin County Trust Co., of Greenfield

Balance Dec. 31, 1971 per Statement	150,280.07
Outstanding Checks-Dec. 31, 1971	39,460.86
Balance Dec. 31, 1971 per check bk.	<u>110,819.21</u>
Total	150,280.07

State Street Bank & Trust Co., of Boston
Sewage Checking Account

Balance Dec. 31, 1971 per Statement	39,642.67
Outstanding Checks-Dec. 31, 1971	31,886.10
Balance Dec. 31, 1971 per check bk.	<u>7,756.57</u>
	39,642.67

Cash on Hand and Invested

Franklin County Trust Co.	
Checking Acct. (General)	110,819.21
Certificate of deposit due 1-13-72	100,000.00
Certificate of deposit due 1-17-72	75,000.00
State Street Bank & Trust Co.	
Checking Acct. (Sewage)	7,756.57
Franklin Savings Inst. (Saving Acct)	1,260.00

Cash on Hand not deposited

Dec. 31, 1971

47,578.34

342,414.12

Stabilization Fund

Franklin Savings Institution

Balance January 1, 1971

56,771.14

Interest added for year 1971

3,589.41

Deposited (as voted)

25,000.00

Total added in 1971

28,589.41

Balance Dec. 31, 1971, Stabilization Fund

85,360.55

Franklin County Retirement System

Balance January 1, 1971

0.00

Amt. collected from members

in 1971

4,418.08

Total

4,418.08

Payment to Franklin County

Retirement Board in 1971

4,418.08

Refunds to employees

0.00

4,418.08

Balance Dec. 31, 1971 in Treasury

0.00

Federal Withholding Tax Statement

Balance January 1, 1971

0.00

Withholding Tax deducted in 1971

33,417.42

Total

33,417.42

Paid to Coll. of Internal Revenue

33,417.42

Balance Dec. 31, 1971 in Treasury

0.00

Total

33,417.42

Massachusetts Withholding Tax Statement

Balance January 1, 1971

0.00

Mass. Withholding Tax deducted

in 1971

7,910.49

Total

7,910.49

Paid to Commonwealth of Mass.

in 1971

7,910.49

Balance Dec. 31, 1971 in Treasury	<u>0.00</u>	
Total		7,910.49

Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement System

Balance January 1, 1971	0.00	
Amount Collected from members		
in 1971	<u>7,626.89</u>	
Total		7,626.89
Paid to Teachers' Retirement		
Board in 1971	<u>7,626.89</u>	
Balance Dec. 31, 1971 in Treasury	<u>0.00</u>	
Total		7,626.89

Pioneer Valley Union Teachers' Ass'n Dues

Amount Collected from members		
in 1971		409.92
Paid to Pioneer Valley Teachers' Ass'n in 1971		409.92

Teachers' Annuities with Metropolitan Life Insurance Company

Amount Collected from members in 1971	2,928.00
Paid to Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., in 1971	2,928.00

Group Insurance with Greenfield Savings Bank

Balance January 1, 1971	0.00	
Amount Collected from members		
in 1971	<u>186.88</u>	
Total		186.88
Payment to Greenfield Savings Bank		
in 1971	<u>186.88</u>	
Refunds to employees	<u>0.00</u>	
Total		186.88

Franklin County School Employees'
Federal Credit Union

Amount Collected from members in 1971	3,440.00
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Paid to Credit Union in 1971	3,440.00
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Highway and Etc. Blue Cross & Blue Shield

Balance January 1, 1971	0.00	
Member Payments in 1971	<u>2,175.67</u>	
Total		2,175.67
Paid to Mass. Hospital Service	2,143.95	
Refunds to employees	31.72	
Balance Dec. 31, 1971 in Treasury	<u>0.00</u>	
Total		2,175.67

Teachers' Blue Cross & Blue Shield

Balance January 1, 1971	0.00	
Member Payments in 1971	<u>2,757.69</u>	
Total		2,757.69
Paid to Mass. Hospital Service 1971	2,734.09	
Refunds to employees'	23.60	
Balance Dec. 31, 1971 in Treasury	<u>0.00</u>	
Total		2,757.69

Respectfully submitted,

DELORES R. AVERY
Town Treasurer

1971

LIST OF CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

SOUTH MOUNTAIN CEMETERY		Ernest C. Field	100.00
		Elisa Graves	51.69
Alice J. Bigelow	\$ 100.00	Brigham Gage &	
		David Clowes	100.00
WEST NORTHFIELD CEMETERY		Charls L. Gilbert	200.00
		George M.	
Cecil Wilson	\$ 100.00	Chamberlain	75.00
Caroline B. Lane	150.00	Samuel A. Holton	200.00
George W. Snow	200.00	Elvira A. Morgan	50.00
Henry m. Yerrington	100.00	James & William	
Pennock Fund	100.00	Merriman	100.00
Cora B. Preston &		Inez E. Holton	50.00
Pitts W. Preston	100.00	Henry W. Montague	
S.E.K. Priest	200.00		400.00
George F. Witt	100.00	Charles C.	
Jane E. Evans	50.00	Morgan	100.00
Warena P. Miller	200.00	Samuel Pratt	25.00
Mary E. Bunker	200.00	Larkin Fisher &	
Edna M. Kelley	150.00	Frank & Lucy	
Boyd Palmer	25.00	Rose	50.00
Vernon Playful	100.00	Fred W. Ruggles	100.00
Hartley & Flora		Ashael Sawyer &	
Bosworth	25.00	Almer Sawyer	100.00
Alice Dutton Yerrington	150.00	Marcellus D.	
LeRoy R. Barnes	100.00	Stratton	100.00
	\$2050.00	Rufus Stratton &	
NORTHFIELD FARMS CEMETERY		Oren D. Darling	150.00
		Elisha & Elihu	
		Stratton	200.00
James Browning &		William H.	
Robert Washer	\$ 100.00	Stratton	100.00
Retta R. Barrett	100.00	Mary A. Stratton	100.00
Ada Chamberlain &		Samuel W. &	
Sarah Morgan	75.00	Wm. G. Stratton	
Eva J.S. Clough	200.00		100.00
M. Maria Foss	200.00	Leroy Wetherhead	75.00

Oscar & Frank V. Wood	50.00	L. Lorimer Drury	
Jennie L. Bascomb	150.00	Family	100.00
Herbert Dutton	100.00	Jane E. Nunn, William	
Murray Hammond	100.00	& Sarah Eberhardt	100.00
Nettie Gilbert	300.00		\$ 2750.00
George H. Pratt	100.00		
Lawrence A. Comins	100.00		
Clayton P.B. Miller	100.00		
Lincoln E. Warner	100.00		
	<u>\$ 4301.69</u>		

MOUNT HERMON CEMETERY

Henry F. Cutler	\$ 100.00
Lorimer Drury	100.00
Horace F. Holton	100.00
Alice V. Watson	150.00
Anna Bell McMillan	100.00
Charles T. Sibley	200.00
Lewis Hodus	200.00
Roy R. Hatch	100.00
Joseph S. Castogue	100.00
Charles D. Streeter	200.00
Mary J. & Anna L. Miller	200.00
Marion Fish Giersbach	100.00
Alice Mosse	100.00
S. Douglas & Ruth A. Polhemus	10.00
Jane E. Holton	100.00
Claire H. & Alfred D. Montague	100.00
Marjorie Prescott	100.00
Julia Pierce, Edward & Barbara Blake	100.00
Jessie H. Hyde	100.00
Julia Mary Stark	100.00
William Eberhard Est.	100.00
L. Douglas & Ruth A. Polhemus	90.00

CENTER CEMETERY

Nelson & Nettie Spring	100.00
Emma Holtnorth	100.00
John F. Rice	100.00
Carpenter	
Winchester	100.00
Clinton A. Ware	150.00
George R. Stebbins	50.00
Charles Stebbins	100.00
Walter D. Crane	100.00
John E. Nye	100.00
Harvey J. Evans	50.00
Augustus W. Holton	100.00
Thomas Callender	50.00
Johnson Fund	123.06
Mary L. Wright	125.00
M. Bemis & Otis Field	50.00
Charles Blackmer	50.00
Alvin Long	50.00
Isaac Cook & Wright	
Stratton	100.00
John L. Mattoon	100.00
Levi Fay	150.00
Sarah E. Minot	150.00
James Pickard	100.00
Augusta L. Day	100.00
Elijah Belding	125.00
James White	100.00
Arad Webster	
William Billings	500.00
Katherine Gaeng	100.00

Elijah E. Belding	100.00	Edward B. Stearns	50.00
A.M.D. Alexander	300.00	Benjamin Field &	
Charles Alexander &		Charles Pomeroy	100.00
Richard Colton	200.00	Charles Osgood	500.00
Adelaide W. Moody	100.00	Louis Frederick	
Roselle Evans	50.00	Bartlett	100.00
Amos Shepardson &		Sherman Nye Bartlett	100.00
Anna S. Preston	150.00	Rosa A. Holton	100.00
Bessie Moore	100.00	C. D. Merriam &	
Elizabeth P. Kraft	100.00	Cornelius Hilliard	300.00
Maximilla S. Hachita	100.00	Cora B. Preston &	
Albert S. Brigham	100.00	Asa Holton	100.00
George E. Nye	200.00	Frank & William	
Dorothy P. Bruce	150.00	Piper	100.00
Dr. Stratton White &		L. O. Clapp Lot	100.00
George & William		Hachita Lots	440.00
Hastings	300.00	Samuel & Elijah	
Jessamime W. Polhemus		Merriman	1760.00
	100.00	Mary V.H. Slade	125.00
William R. Moody	100.00	Mrs. George Spofford	
Mrs. Norman MacGaffin	50.00		200.00
Clara B. Torrey	100.00	Mary B. Rankin	100.00
Herbert E. Robbins	200.00	Daniel P. Sutherland	100.00
S. E. Walker	200.00	George N. Kidder	500.00
J.I. Greenleaf	300.00	Tie-Webster Lot	100.00
M. Margaret Laird	100.00	Louis M. Potts	200.00
Hezekia & Elizabeth		Frank & Jennie	
Stratton	80.00	Lombard	100.00
Hezekiah & Molly			\$ 12638.06
Stratton	80.00		
Rufus & Asenath			
Stratton	80.00		
William H. Phelps	200.00		
Elizabeth M. Purple	200.00		
Sarah J. Whithead	50.00		
Bessie Severance	100.00		
Lewis Fowler	50.00		
J. Wesley Mann	100.00		
Andrew E. & Arthur H.			
Lyman	400.00		

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

On Hand January 1st, 1971	\$21539.75
On Hand December 31st, 1971	21839.75

RECEIPTS OF INTEREST PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

South Mountain Cemetery	5.48
West Northfield Cemetery	112.76
Mount Hermon Cemetery	139.42
Northfield Farms Cemetery	231.04
Center Cemetery	<u>695.08</u>
	\$ 1183.78

Respectfully submitted,

DELORES R. AVERY
Town Treasurer

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS

NAME	ON HAND Jan. 1, 1971	SAVINGS DEPOSITS	SECURITIES	INTEREST RECEIVED ADDED	TOTAL ON HAND Dec. 31, 1971
Edward D. Priest & Others W. Northfield Cemetery Fund	\$ 7292.49	\$ 7292.49		\$ 401.04	\$ 7292.49
James W. Cowles Center Cemetery Fund	2000.00	2000.00		110.00	2000.00
Calvin Stearns Center Cemetery Fund	500.00	500.00		27.48	500.00
Belcher Center School Fund	1250.00	1250.00		68.76	1250.00
Belcher Center Cemetery Fund	2000.00	1000.00	1000.00	55.00 Sav. 25.00 Sec.	2000.00

NAME	ON HAND Jan. 1, 1971	SAVINGS DEPOSITS	SECURITIES	INTEREST RECEIVED	INTEREST ADDED	TOTAL ON HAND Dec. 31, 1971
Belcher Library Fund	9739.01	9739.01		535.64		9739.01
Lottie Evans Worthy Poor Fund	1606.04	1606.04			\$ 85.98	1692.02
George F. Morgan Charity Fund	3000.00	3000.00		165.00		3000.00
Surplus Revenue School Fund	1600.00	1600.00		88.00		1600.00
C. P. Dickinson Library Book Fund	3000.00	3000.00		165.00		3000.00
Mary Callender Mt. Hermon Cemetery Fund	500.00	500.00		27.48		500.00
Roselle Evans Worthy Poor Fund	500.00	500.00		27.48		500.00

NAME	ON HAND Jan. 1, 1971	SAVINGS DEPOSITS	SECURITIES RECEIVED	INTEREST ADDED	TOTAL ON HAND Dec. 31, 1971
C. Ina Merriman Library Fund	1965.92	1965.92		105.22	2071.14
Maude Montague Library Fund	2009.60	2009.60	110.48		2009.60
Town of Northfield Real Estate Fund	1260.00	1260.00	69.28		1260.00
Northfield Chapter D.A.R. Library Fund	100.00	100.00	5.48		100.00
Marina Stanley Book Library Fund	<u>560.00</u> \$ 38883.06	<u>560.00</u> \$ 37883.06	<u>30.94</u> \$1887.06 Sav. <u>25.00</u> Sec. \$1912.06	<u> </u> \$ 191.20	<u>570.00</u> *

* Includes \$10.00 added to principal of fund.

Respectfully submitted,

DELORES R. AVERY
Town Treasurer

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
1971

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Wallace E. Stange, Chairman	Term expires 1973
Thomas R. Shearer, Secretary	Term expires 1974
Frank J. Rockwell	Term expires 1972

Meeting of the School Committee

The regular meetings of the School Committee are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Center School

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Edwin F. Harrington	
Westfield State College	B.S.E., M.Ed.
Springfield College	CAGS, Administration
Office 75 Main Street, Northfield	Tel. 498-2911
(Roland L. Schoepf - Resigned October 3, 1971)	

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

David E. Zellmer
University of Wisconsin - B.A. in English and French

UNION SECRETARIES

Mrs. Helen Mahoney
Mrs. Madelyn J. Page

Office Hours

School Days - 8:30 A.M. to 4 P.M.
School Vacations 8 A.M. to 3 P.M.

PRINCIPAL

John J. Kelley III - B.S., M.S.E.

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Ansel B. True, M.D.

SCHOOL NURSE

Judith Whitaker, R.N.

SCHOOL CALENDER

Schools open September 9, 1971	Close November 24, 1971
Schools open November 29, 1971	Close December 23, 1971
Schools open January 3, 1972	Close February 18, 1972
Schools open February 28, 1972	Close April 14, 1972
Schools open April 24, 1972	Close June 16, 1972

REPORT OF THE NORTHFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Additional improvements in the education program at Center School were authorized and put into effect. New report cards, devised by a Union 18 committee under the chairmanship of Principal John J. Kelley, were introduced in all grades; the new reading curriculum was completed and the program is now co-ordinated K through 6 grades; the Kindergarten has a completely revised readiness program; a new music program has been adopted; and new mathematics materials are currently being studied with a view to updating the Mathematics Curriculum next September.

Staff changes included the employment of Miss Lois Damiano, a graduate of Keene State College, to replace Mrs. Dorothea Thomas, who retired; Mrs. Judith Whitaker, R.N., replaced Mrs. Pauline Abar, R.N., as school nurse; and Mrs. Barbara Walker of Warwick has been hired to replace Mrs. Mary Dejnack, who resigned at the end of 1971.

The Committee wishes to thank each member of the faculty and staff for their interest and help in making Northfield Elementary a school of which all citizens of Northfield can be proud.

Special thanks of the Committee are extended to the Kiwanis Club for its contribution of an audiometer for hearing testing to the school, and to the Lions Club for its donation of a vision testing machine.

WALLACE E. STANGE, Chairman
THOMAS R. SHEARER, Secretary
FRANK ROCKWELL, Rep. to P.V.R.S.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE FINANCIAL REPORT
December 31, 1971

	Approp. 1971	Expended 1971	Budget 1972
1000 Administration	9,180.00	8,361.80	11,193.00
2000 Instruction	165,272.00	161,977.32	180,046.00
3000 Other Services	33,510.00	34,995.80	42,110.00
4000 Operation & Maint.	24,425.00	25,686.06	25,880.00
5000 Fixed Charges	1,433.00	1,116.24	1,445.00
7000 Acquisition of Fixed Assets	718.00	709.34	824.00
9000 Programs with Other Schools	8,600.00	8,033.54	10,700.00
Totals	\$243,138.00	\$240,880.10	\$272,198.00

TITLE II

Balance forward from 1970	4.73
Receipts, 1971	492.26 \$496.99
Disbursements, 1971	\$496.99

TITLE III

Balance forward from 1970	\$ 17.13
Receipts, 1971	303.53
Balance forward to 1972	\$320.66

NET COST OF EDUCATION 1971

Expenditures (Elementary School)	240,880.10	
Expenditures (P.V.R.S., Northfield's share)	301,117.26	
Total expenditures		541,997.36
Reimbursements:		
Tuition	1,511.00	
Chapter 70	66,257.01	
Vocational tuition and transportation	3,481.00	
Transportation	8,732.00	
Interest, Surplus Fund	88.00	
Special Education	4,981.00	
State Aid to Towns in Reg. Sch. Dist.	12,572.14	
	<u>97,622.15</u>	
Reimb. paid to P.V.R.S., Northfield's share	29,541.35	
Total reimbursements		127,163.50
Net cost of education		414,833.86

REIMBURSEMENTS AND NET COST

Year	Total costs	Reimbursements	%	Net cost	Pupils	Cost per pupil
1962	233,965.23	75,719.14	32.4	158,246.09	562	271.90
1963	260,551.97	78,528.89	30.1	182,023.17	601	302.86
1964	278,088.76	85,656.90	30.8	192,431.86	616	312.49
1965	300,302.65	90,851.57	30.2	209,451.08	606	345.62
1966	320,726.79	85,893.18	26.7	234,833.61	624	376.33
1967	352,174.31	112,251.35	31.9	239,922.73	613	391.39
1968	396,808.04	114,380.65	28.8	282,527.39	614	457.16
1969	413,416.51	137,866.55	30.0	275,549.96	575	479.21
1970	483,898.48	210,542.50	43.5	273,355.98	580	471.30
1971	541,997.36	127,163.50	23.5	414,833.86	602	689.09

CENSUS REPORT - 1971

	Boys	Girls	Total
Between ages 0 and 5	67	76	143
Between ages 5 and 7	48	31	79
Between ages 7 and 16	224	227	451

ENROLLMENT
Elementary School

Grade K	25	23	48
1	30	17	47
2	18	31	49
3	21	19	40
4	23	19	42
5	19	25	44
6	<u>25</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>46</u>
	161	155	316

P. V. R. S.

7	34	32	66
8	24	33	57
9	12	22	34
10	22	26	48
11	18	18	36
12	<u>18</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>39</u>
	128	152	280
Special classes	4	2	6
Greenfield Vocational	3		3
Smith Vocational	3		3
Greenfield Public Schools		1	1
Mahar Regional		1	1
Mount Hermon	14	7	21
Woods School	1		1
Austine School		1	1
Eaglebrook	1		1

Rinebeck School	1		1
St. Maria		1	1
Pennsylvania	1		1
Clarke School		1	1
Bement	1	1	2
At Home	2	1	3
	31	16	47

NORTHFIELD SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM
1971

Opening cash balance		\$ 962.91
Receipts:	14,855.80	
Disbursements	16,735.29	
Closing cash balance		\$ - 916.58

71.3% of the enrollment participated in the school lunch program during 1971.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Northfield School Committee:

Children in Kindergarten and Grade 1, and teachers were given T.B. tests last spring, under the direction of Mrs. Abar, who resigned in June. All students were weighed and measured and instructed in dental hygiene.

Beginning in September of 1971, when I assumed the duties of school nurse, all children were again weighed and measured; testing for hearing loss and vision was begun with the new equipment donated by the Kiwanis and Lions Clubs; a flu vaccine clinic was held in November; and physical examinations were completed for all second and fifth grade students, as well as for all new students.

A specific written policy is being compiled for handling accidents, sudden illness and other health programs occurring during school hours. This guide will contain generally accepted principles of good health and medical practice as developed by the Departments of Education, Mental Health and Public Health in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,

JUDITH E. WHITAKER, R.N.
School Nurse

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
REPORT
1971

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mr. John Senior, Chairman	Bernardston
Miss Anita Pike, Vice Chairman	Warwick
Mr. Claude Kenney	Bernardston
Mr. Neil Churchill	Bernardston
Mr. Raymond Ainsworth	Leyden
Mrs. Eva Baker	Leyden
Mrs. Lois N. Bean	Leyden
Mr. Frank J. Rockwell	Northfield
Mr. John Thayer	Northfield
Mr. Guy Cote	Northfield
Mrs. Helen Whipple	Warwick
Mr. Albert Hubbard	Warwick
Mr. Howard A. King	Treasurer
Roland L. Schoepf, March-Sept.	Secretary
David E. Zellmer, Oct.-Dec.	Secretary

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Pioneer Valley Regional School District Committee:

I herewith submit my fourth annual report as principal of Pioneer Valley Regional School.

We are continuing to look at all aspects of our school in a never ending determination to be able to afford our students the best educational advantages possible. By 1972 when we are again evaluated by the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, we will have some insight into how well we are achieving these educational goals for our students.

Space is a priority we must achieve if we are to successfully meet the needs of all our students. As a comprehensive regional school, we are not satisfying all these needs because of our lack of adequate facilities in certain areas. I urge our Facilities Sub-Committee to start action in this direction. A second P. V. R. S. School Plant Survey was presented in March 1971 to the School Committee for its consideration. To date, no long range plans have been discussed. Serious consideration must be given to the question of whether the present school plant can adequately house an educational program for the 1970's.

Enrollment

Our school opened this September with an enrollment of 602. Our need for more classroom space and facilities continues to become more critical with each passing year. Again, this year I must mention that as far back as the 1962 Annual Report of the Principal this awareness of overcrowded and inadequate school facilities has been made known.

If we are to adequately pursue the necessary educational programs for all our students during the 1970's, we must have facilities available to implement those desired programs which a comprehensive regional school should be offering.

The class enrollments as of December 1, 1971 were as follows:

	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Total</u>
Grade 7	77	55	132
Grade 8	56	65	121
Grade 9	36	51	87
Grade 10	41	52	93
Grade 11	47	41	88
Grade 12	37	45	82
Totals	294	309	603

The enrollments by towns on December 1, 1971 were:

Bernardston	206
Leyden	58
Northfield	281
Warwick	41
Tuition	17

Curriculum

Several new curriculum offerings were added to the program of studies for the 1971-72 school year - Algebra Y,, Introductory Physical Science, American Studies II, Business Law, Economics, French IV, Spanish IV, Drafting III, Jewellerymaking, Photography, and Sports Officiating. These courses are a mixture of full year and half year offerings.

Presently all departments are completing their curriculum studies and revisions as we are attempting to up-date all our programs of study.

The major drawback to any future curriculum increases and revisions definitely is the need for space at P.V.R.S. Again, this matter is extremely important if we are to expand our total school program to fit the needs of all our students.

Extra Curricular Program

We feel that an extra curricular program is an integral part of a student's total school program. The number and successes of our extra curricular activities depend upon the interest of the students and the availability and training of instructors and/or advisors. We believe we have an exceptionally fine and varied program of extra curricular activities at P.V.R.S. These activities help build student morale and add greatly to the general interest of the student body.

I am deeply appreciative of the many faculty members who have given so much of their time and efforts to these activities. Their concern, dedication and leadership have added immeasurably to the values received by the students involved in these activities.

Chosen Careers

The Class of 1971 made plans for the future as follows:

4 year College	28	Greenfield Comm. College	13
Other 2 year schools	6	Other short term schools	5
Post Graduate	1	Work	29
Service	3	Marriage	3
Undecided	4		

In Conclusion

My sincere thanks to all for their untiring efforts in behalf of the school and its students. Please visit your school at any time and feel free to offer advice or suggestions. Again, we can only be totally successful when we are all totally knowledgeable and committed to the advantages and rewards of public education. I shall continue to lead Pioneer with my utmost dedication and concern for all. May each of us profit from having been associated with one another.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM K. DECKER
Principal

HEALTH REPORTS

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Pioneer Valley Regional School Committee:

In September, thanks to the generous cooperation of Dr. Calvin W. Hartshorn, all candidates for football were given a physical examination.

During the months of October and November all members of the cross-country squads, volley ball teams, and cheer leaders as well as individuals planning to play on the winter basketball teams who had not previously been checked for a fall sport, and all pupils of grades seven and ten were examined.

In October influenza injections were offered on a voluntary basis to all members of the faculty and staff. Nineteen persons elected to receive this immunization.

The above services were accomplished with the excellent cooperation of Mrs. Dorothy Streeter, the school nurse.

Additional physical examinations will be performed as necessary on candidates for athletic teams in the spring.

Respectfully submitted,

MARVIN L. THOMPSON, M.D.

Mantoux testing for Tuberculosis was done in January for ninth grade students with parental permission.

Home Nursing was taught to senior girls through the Home Economics Department.

Eye and Ear tests were completed for all students with proper referrals made for those who failed either test.

In order for the medical and administrative personnel to best help and protect the health of the Asthmatic child, letters

were sent to all parents of Asthmatic Students requesting a detailed letter from their doctor stating severity of attacks and any other pertinent information.

A questionnaire was sent to parents of students with allergies to bee, wasp or hornet stings, to be completed and returned to school. This was done to enable the nurse to properly administer emergency treatment if needed.

Many hours were spent on the Health Education Evaluation in preparation for the Evaluation of Pioneer Valley Regional School in 1972.

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY STREETER, R.N.

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
REPORT OF THE TREASURER

January 1, 1971 - - - - December 31, 1971

Balance on hand December 31, 1970

Capital	829.28	
Operational	16,601.11	
School Lunches	906.19	
Athletic Fund	169.37	
George Barden Fund-Evening Practical Arts	356.00	
National Defense Education Act:		
Title III	84.58	
Title V	1,295.43	
Title VI	6.63	
Reserve for Maturing Debt(Savings Deposits)	<u>14,470.84</u>	
		34,719.43

RECEIPTS - CAPITAL

Reimbursement and aid on		
construction	44,695.17	
Interest on savings deposits	694.08	
Town of Bernardston assess-		
ment	9,177.14	
Town of Leyden assessment	3,169.09	
Town of Northfield assess-		
ment	17,231.90	
Town of Warwick assess-		
ment	<u>3,433.18</u>	
		78,400.56

RECEIPTS - OPERATIONAL

Reimbursement for trans-		
portation	39,276.00	
Town of Bernardston		
assessment	209,452.82	
Town of Leyden		
assessment	59,050.55	
Town of Northfield		
assessment	267,493.95	
Town of Warwick		
assessment	34,824.68	

Tuition:

Town of Gill	14,525.75	
Town of Green-		
field	1,867.25	
Fairbrother	970.00	
Hensel	970.00	
Chapman	<u>778.10</u>	
		19,111.10

Miscellaneous:

Evening Pract.		
Arts	15.00	
Driver Ed. fees		
	1,655.00	
Use of bldg.	107.50	
Postage reimb.	406.56	

Sale of typewriters
& typewriter desks

387.00

Lost bk. fines

& shop projects 366.03

Sale of used

textbooks 128.40

Cash from General

Fund & other

receipts 1,070.86 4,136.35633,345.45

Comm. Mass. School Aid

Chapter 99, 1971 432.00

Comm. Mass. Maint.

Vocational School 438.00

Band Account 973.25

School Lunches 33,541.59

National Defense Act Title II 914.48

National Defense Act Title III 1,917.35

Athletic Fund 3,801.85

Student Scholarship Reserve

Account 555.21

Franklin County Trust Co. -

temporary loans in antici-

pation of revenue from

towns 260,000.00 302,573.73

TOTAL RECEIPTS AND HOLDINGS

1,049,039.17

DISBURSEMENTS - CAPITAL

Interest due May 1 165.00

Interest due November 1 110.00

Interest due January 1 5,362.50

Interest due July 1 5,362.50

Redemption of 2.20% bonds 5,000.00

Redemption of 2.75% bonds 65,000.00 81,000.00

81,000.00

DISBURSEMENTS - OPERATIONAL

Administration 17,762.80

Instruction	427,797.70
Other Services	77,723.90
Operation & Maint.	78,562.59
Fixed Charges	21,981.90
Interest on Temporary loans	1,491.40
Acquisition of Equipment	<u>20,779.09</u>

646,099.38

School lunches	34,813.33
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Athletic Association	2,952.37
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Band Account	666.39
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Student Scholarship Reserve Acct.	329.52
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National Defense Act, Title III	172.45
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National Defense Act, Title V	436.28
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Geo. Barden Fund-E.P.A. Instruction	345.50
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Franklin County Trust Co. - payment	
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of temporary loans in anticipation	
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of revenue from towns	
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260,000.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

1,026,815.22

Balance on hand December 31, 1971

Capital	694.08
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Operational	4,717.18
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School lunches	(365.55)
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Athletic Fund	1,018.85
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Band Account	306.86
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Student Scholarship Reserve Acct.	225.69
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Geo. Barden Fund-Evening Prac. Arts	10.50
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National Defense Education Act-Title II	914.48
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National Defense Education Act-Title III	1,829.48
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National Defense Education Act-Title V	859.15
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National Defense Education Act-Title VI	6.63
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Reserve for Maturing Debt	<u>12,006.60</u>
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22,223.951,049,039.17

TRUST ACCOUNTS - CASH AND SECURITIES

Balance on hand December 31, 1970

Theodore Cronyn Scholarship Fund	1,035.67	
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RECEIPTS

Savings interest	<u>56.66</u>	
		<u>1,092.33</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Scholarship grant to John Manning	50.00	
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Balance on hand December 31, 1971

Theodore Cronyn Scholarship Fund	<u>1,042.33</u>	
		<u>1,092.33</u>

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD A. KING
Treasurer

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE FINANCIAL REPORT
December 31, 1971

	Approp. 1971	Expended 1971	Budget 1972
1000 Administration	21,183.00	17,837.80	23,688.00
2000 Instruction	436,565.00	427,797.70	486,424.00
3000 Other Services	76,835.11	77,723.90	81,328.00
4000 Operation & Maint.	80,092.00	78,562.59	72,295.00
5000 Fixed Charges	24,408.00	23,473.30	25,905.00
7000 Acquisition of Fixed Assets	21,040.00	20,779.09	16,392.00
9000 Programs With Other Schools	1,750.00		
Totals	\$661,873.11	\$646,174.38	\$706,032.00

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM
1971

Opening cash balance	- 1,347.37
Total Receipts	33,566.59
Total Disbursements	35,168.02
Closing cash balance	- 2,948.80

73.9% of the enrollment participated in the school lunch program during 1971.

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
CAPITAL BUDGET
1972

Maturing debt, May	5,000.00	
Maturing debt, July	65,000.00	
Interest \$10,000 May	110.00	
Interest \$5,000 November	55.00	
Interest \$325,000 January	4,468.75	
Interest \$325,000 July	<u>4,468.75</u>	
	9,102.50	
		\$79,102.50

Against this amount we are applying:

State Aid Building reimbursement 44,695.17

Appropriate from:

E. & D. Capital Surplus

1971 Savings Bank interest	694.08	
Savings Bank withdrawal	<u>2,401.32</u>	
		\$47,790.57
		<u>\$31,311.93</u>

To be asked from the Towns

1972 SHARES

Bernardston	27.8%	\$ 8,704.72
Leyden	9.6%	3,005.94
Northfield	52.2%	16,344.83
Warwick	10.4%	3,256.44

\$31,311.93

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
OPERATING BUDGET
1972

Administration	\$ 23,590.	
Instruction	490,571.	
Other Services	81,379.	
Operation & Maintenance of Plant	68,195.	
Fixed Charges	24,405.	
Interest on Temporary Loans	1,500.	
Acquisition of Equipment	<u>16,392.</u>	706,032.00

Less the following credits:

Anticipated revenue:

Transportation	55,000.00	
Tuition	19,111.10	
Evening Practical Arts	15.00	
Driver Education	1,655.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>2,120.85</u>	<u>77,901.95</u>

Net Operating Budget to be asked from the Towns
\$628,130.05

Apportionment between Towns:

Bernardston	205.5/585.5	220,462.38	
Leyden	58.5/585.5	62,759.37	
Northfield	280.5/585.5	300,923.10	
Warwick	41/585.5	<u>43,985.20</u>	\$628,130.05

TOWN ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

In compliance with the provisions of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, I submit the following report of the Accountant's Department for the calender year ending December 31, 1971, including the source of all receipts, detail of appropriations and expenditures, statement of trust funds and town debt, and a balance sheet showing the financial condition of the town on January 1, 1972.

Respectfully submitted,

ANN P. JAMES
Town Accountant

RECEIPTS

Taxes:

1969 Personal Property		25.60
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1970 Personal Property	354.20	
Real Estate	12,736.60	13,090.80

1971 Personal Property	173,286.24	
Real Estate	397,027.42	570,313.66

Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise:

Levy of 1968	36.03	
Levy of 1969	436.79	
Levy of 1970	21,838.09	
Levy of 1971	69,751.45	92,062.36

Farm Animal Excise:

Levy of 1970	238.00	
Levy of 1971	1,795.00	2,033.00

Accounts Receivable:

Veterans' Benefits	1,484.20	
School Department	800.00	2,284.20

Aid to Highways:

State	37,952.36	
County	17,400.00	55,352.36

Federal Grants:

Medical Assistance		125.37
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Payroll Deductions:

Federal Withholding	33,417.42	
State Withholding	7,910.49	
County Retirement	4,427.04	
Teachers' Retirement	7,626.89	
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	5,806.80	
Life Insurance	201.12	

Credit Union	3,440.00	
Teachers' Association Dues	409.92	
Teachers' Annuities	2,928.00	66,167.68
Trust Funds Interest:		
Elisha Alexander Charity	106.04	
George F. Morgan Charity	165.00	
Roselle Evans Poor	27.48	
Starkweather Charity	420.00	
Belcher Center School	68.76	
Belcher Library	535.64	
Maude Montague Library	110.48	
Marina Stanley Library	30.94	
Charles P. Dickinson Book	165.00	
DAR Book	5.48	
PC Center, Mt. Hermon, So. Mt.	1,035.28	
PC Northfield Farms	231.04	
PC West Northfield	524.42	
PC Mary Callender Lot, Mt. Hermon	27.48	
PC Calvin Stearns Lot, Center	27.48	
Surplus Revenue School Fund	88.00	3,568.52
State:		
Chapter 70, School Aid	66,257.01	
Chapters 69 & 71, Spec. Ed.	4,981.00	
Transportation	8,732.00	
Vocational Education	3,481.00	
Tuition Reimbursement	711.00	
Library Aid	580.00	
Chapter 58, Valuation Basis	14,300.43	
Machinery Basis	300.69	
Sewer Construction Grant	91,169.00	190,512.13
Tax Collector's Costs		826.00
Interest on Taxes		1,299.37
Tax Titles Redeemed		2,155.51
Tax Titles Costs and Interest		368.25
Road Machinery Fund		8,492.92
Rent, Town Hall		357.50
Rent, Alexander Hall		65.00
Police Dept. Licenses and Permits		174.00

Building Permits	65.00
Plumbing Permits	189.00
Disposal and Sewage Permits	23.00
Liquor License	1,500.00
Other Licenses and Permits Granted	198.50
Nurse's Fees	2,245.30
Medicare Reimbursement	5,030.50
Library Fines	273.07
Library Book Sale	27.70
Court Fines	173.20
Dog Licenses	589.90
County Dog Refund	234.71
County Dog Officer	550.00
School Lunch	14,860.30
Sale of Cemetery Lots	340.00
Sale of Real Estate Fund Interest	69.28
Trust Funds	310.00
Revenue Cash Investments	625,000.00
Certificates of Deposit Interest	4,288.80
Swimming Pool Receipts	246.75
Insurance Claims	390.75
Police Reports	65.00
Loan in Anticipation of Revenue	100,000.00
Sale of Azuba Hill Lot	1,600.00
School Damage	10.93
Coca-Cola Profit Checks	10.20
Federal Regional School Dist. Allotment	12,572.14
Library Extension, Title II	492.26
National Defense Education, Title III	303.53
Ambulance Service	2,000.00
Gift for Sewage Project	84,500.00
Bid Deposits	40,000.00
Reimbursements	145.85
Sewage Project	109,500.00
Refunds	506.22
Recreation Committee Gift	184.02
No. Franklin Welfare District	4,012.31
Welfare Dept. Checks	175.70
Sundry	230.49

Total Receipts	\$ 2,022,188.64
Cash on Hand January 1, 1971	167,414.12
	\$ 2,189,602.76

RECAPITULATION

	Approp.	Spent	Balance
Moderator	35.00	35.00	
Moderator's Expense	35.00	30.00	5.00
Selectmen	2,300.00	2,300.00	
Selectmen's Expense	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Selectmen's Secretary	1,700.00	1,700.00	
Legislative Acts, By-Laws,			
Regulations	250.00	240.93	9.07
Accountant	1,700.00	1,700.00	
Accountant's Expense	100.00	83.69	16.31
Legal Expense	1,500.00	1,473.25	26.75
Treasurer	1,800.00	1,800.00	
Treasurer's Expense	675.00	669.14	5.86
Tax Collector	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Tax Collector's Expense	800.00	708.62	91.38
Tax Title Foreclosure Costs	500.00	159.95	340.05
Protection of Tax Title Property			
	25.00		25.00
Assessors and Clerk	3,025.00	3,025.00	
Assessors' Expense	1,000.00	846.73	153.27
Plotting Map	819.39		819.39
Blueprint Cabinet	475.00	439.00	36.00
Town Clerk	1,050.00	1,050.00	
Town Clerk's Expense	100.00	100.00	
Election and Registration	1,459.25	1,400.61	58.64
Planning Board Expense	100.00	87.48	12.52
Board of Appeals Expense	100.00	75.54	24.46
Finance Board Expense	125.00	89.10	35.90
Town Hall	7,000.00	5,898.05	1,101.95
Painting Of Town Hall	2,500.00	1,762.25	737.75
Police Chief Salary	8,750.00	8,735.50	14.50
Special Police Salaries	3,000.00	2,876.53	123.47

Police Dept. Secretary	200.00	200.00	
Police Dept. Operating			
Expense	4,000.00	3,236.02	763.98
Police Communications	500.00	500.00	
Police Cruiser and			
Equipment	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Fire Department Salaries	500.00	500.00	
Fire Dept. Operating			
Expense	9,000.00	8,202.49	797.51
Fire Dept. Hose and			
Equipment	1,500.00	1,487.66	12.34
Hydrants	500.00	500.00	
Water Holes	800.00	790.00	10.00
Maint. of Fire Station and			
Garage	2,000.00	1,820.67	179.33
Paint and Repairs to Fire			
Station	2,000.00	1,861.98	138.02
Public Safety	50.00	50.00	
Wire Inspector	25.00		25.00
Tree Trimming and			
Planting	1,200.00	1,064.01	135.99
Dutch Elm Control	2,200.00	1,842.25	357.75
Insect and Pest Control	2,000.00	719.40	1,280.60
Dog Officer and Expense	350.00	350.00	
Health	2,000.00	1,625.01	374.99
Dump Control	4,000.00	3,941.70	58.30
Refuse Disposal Commit-			
tee	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Ambulance Service	4,550.00	4,550.00	
Nurse and Substitute	6,500.00	5,080.42	1,419.58
Nurse's Expense	500.00	304.84	195.16
Nurse's Clerk	2,858.28	2,858.28	
Nurse's Car Expense	500.00	382.53	117.47
Inspection of Animals	450.00	191.74	258.26
Sewage Study	150.00	116.55	33.45
Land for Sewage Plant	2,700.00	2,700.00	
Sewage Easements and			
Licenses	474.00	474.00	
Interest Charges of Sewer			
Project	4,000.00	911.89	3,088.11
Highway Superintendent's			
Expense	250.00	234.50	15.50

Machinery Maintenance	15,765.60	15,765.60	
Highway Tools	400.00	251.32	148.68
Hwy. Sick Leave, Vacations, Holidays	2,200.00	2,155.60	44.40
Highways, Bridges, Rail- ings	3,500.00	2,925.91	574.09
Chapter 81	28,650.00	28,650.00	
Chapter 90 Maint.	12,000.00	12,000.00	
Chapter 90 Construction 1970	20,348.44	20,348.44	
Snow Removal	15,400.01	15,400.01	
Highway Truck Covers	582.04	93.92	488.12
Tires & Equipment for Grader	2,000.00	1,586.51	413.49
Highway Dump Truck	15,000.00	13,521.04	1,478.96
Highway Dept. Radio Equipment	500.00	497.87	2.13
Sidewalks	500.00		500.00
Street Lights	8,399.08	8,063.55	335.53
Hwy. Bounds, Surveys, Street Lists	350.00		350.00
Soldiers' Relief	5,293.81	5,031.41	262.40
School Committee Salaries	750.00	375.00	375.00
PVRS Committee Expense	300.00	29.40	270.60
Schools	243,163.00	240,905.10	2,257.90
PVRS Capital & Operating	284,725.85	284,725.85	
Dickinson Library	12,981.89	12,981.89	
Field Library	250.00	250.00	
Town Reports	1,200.00	900.50	299.50
Memorial & Veterans' Days	350.00	336.53	13.47
Alexander Hall	650.00	621.34	28.66
Interest	1,053.94	734.30	319.64
Insurance	10,850.00	10,673.84	176.16
Chapter 32B	5,112.26	5,112.26	
Indemnification of Town Employees	5,000.00		5,000.00
Fish for Stocking Streams	200.00	200.00	
Town Clock	100.00	96.00	4.00
Land Damages	500.00		500.00
Discontinued School Houses	100.00	12.72	87.28

Repairs to Historical Society			
Building	350.00	323.26	26.74
Fence Viewers, Pound Keeper,			
Field Drv.	25.00		25.00
Maint. of Athletic Field	408.29	353.32	54.97
Recreation Committee	4,269.52	4,037.58	231.94
1970 Recreation Committee			
Bill	160.00	160.00	
Repairs to Schell Pool	250.00	150.00	100.00
Cemeteries	3,500.00	1,830.15	1,669.85
Fire Station Bond and			
Interest	3,252.00	3,252.00	

Unexpended Balances to Revenue	28,937.12
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Master Plan	8,000.00	8,000.00
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Unexpended Balance to Revenue	2,000.00
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Unexpended Balance to 1972	6,000.00
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Assessor's Map	19,500.00	19,500.00
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Tables & Chairs, Town		
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Hall	1,250.00	1,250.00
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Forest Fire Truck	17,000.00	9.36	16,990.64
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Civil Defense	1,113.77		1,113.77
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Sewage Project	175,669.00	167,912.43	7,756.57
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Chapter 90 Construction			
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1971	28,800.00	5,812.41	22,987.59
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Highway Improvement			
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Loans	12,127.41	8,247.24	3,880.17
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Skylight Repair Library	425.00		425.00
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Tercentenary Comm.	10,095.00	104.13	9,990.87
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Recreation Committee Gift	184.02	50.08	133.94
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Purchase of Slate			
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Property	10,000.00		10,000.00
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Unexpended Balances to 1972	94,028.55
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Refunds on Taxes	1,639.95
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Refunds on M.V. Excise	2,017.39
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Tax Collector's Costs	826.00
State Parks and Reservations.	3,702.59
State Assessment	105.24
State M.V. Tax Bills	329.25
P.V. Air Pollution Control Board	191.09
County Tax	29,403.71
County Retirement System	9,829.10
Veterans' Service Center	2,363.66
State Audit	4.21
County Dog Officer	550.00
Dog Licenses to County	589.90
School Lunch	15,883.56
Library Extension, Title II	496.99
Federal Withholding Taxes	33,417.42
State Withholding Taxes	7,910.49
County Retirement	4,418.08
Refund on County Retirement	8.96
Teachers' Retirement	7,626.89
Mass. Hospital Service	5,443.95
Refunds on Mass. Hospital Service	55.32
Life Insurance	194.60
Credit Union	3,440.00
Teachers' Association Dues	409.92
Teachers' Annuities	2,928.00
Sewage Project to Checking Acct.	109,500.00
Trust Funds to Savings Acct.	310.00
Stabilization Fund to Savings Acct.	25,000.00
Belcher Library Fund Interest	587.66
Maude Montague Library Fund Interest	209.42
Chas. Dickinson Book Fund Interest	166.23
Marina Stanley Library Fund Interest	186.46
Revenue Cash Investments	625,000.00
Loan in Anticipation of Revenue	100,000.00
Sewage Project Loan	25,000.00
Bid Deposits	40,000.00

Total Payments \$ 2,026,516.22

Cash on Hand, Dec.

31, 1971 167,414.12

\$ 2,193,930.34

SELECTMEN'S EXPENSE

Appropriation		850.00
Transfer		150.00
Supplies	345.65	
Telephone	187.13	
Dues	81.00	
Lawyer's Co-op. Pub. Co.	118.20	
Meetings	166.50	
Advertisements	101.52	1,000.00

ACCOUNTANT'S EXPENSE

Appropriation		100.00
Telephone	2.10	
Postage	14.30	
Office Machine Repairs	36.20	
Supplies	31.09	83.69
Balance to Revenue	16.31	100.00

TREASURER'S EXPENSE

Appropriation		675.00
Association Dues	4.00	
Supplies	364.52	
Treasurer's Bond	114.00	
Other	186.62	669.14
Balance to Revenue	5.86	675.00

TAX COLLECTOR'S EXPENSE

Appropriation		800.00
Association Dues	4.00	
Tax Collector's Bond	190.00	

Equipment Contract	33.35	
Supplies	481.27	708.62
Balance to Revenue	91.38	800.00

ASSESSOR'S EXPENSE

Appropriation		1,000.00
Association Dues	15.00	
Registry of Deeds	105.00	
Supplies	436.56	
Telephone	1.07	
Computer Fund	178.00	
Office Equipment Service	66.10	
Travel	45.00	846.73
Balance to Revenue	153.27	1,000.00

TOWN CLERK'S EXPENSE

Appropriation		100.00
Association Dues	17.00	
Clerk s Bond	10.00	
Supplies and Postage	58.70	
Telephone	14.30	100.00

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Appropriation		1,000.00
Transfer		159.25
Surplus Revenue		300.00
Registrars	736.00	
Elections	324.00	
Ballots	81.25	
Warrants	18.00	
Street Lists	241.36	1,400.61
Balance to Revenue	58.64	1,459.25

MAINTENANCE OF TOWN HALL

Appropriation		7,000.00
Fuel	1,312.88	
Electricity	345.13	
Water	58.86	
Pay Roll	71.00	
Repairs	796.40	
Public Safety	25.00	
New Equipment	117.95	
Custodians	3,055.00	
Supplies	115.83	5,898.05
Balance to Revenue	1,101.95	7,000.00

POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATING
EXPENSE

Appropriation		4,000.00
Cruiser Expense	2,004.50	
Supplies and Equipment	525.80	
Telephone	613.57	
Franklin County Radio	10.00	
Advertisements	12.00	
Other	70.15	3,236.02
Balance to Revenue	763.98	4,000.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT SALARIES

Appropriation		500.00
Fire Chief	250.00	
Fire Warden	150.00	
Secretary	100.00	500.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT OPERATING EXPENSE

Appropriation		5,500.00
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Surplus Revenue		3,500.00
Payroll	5,455.00	
Telephone	614.48	
Supplies and Repairs	2,133.01	8,202.49
Balance to Revenue	797.51	9,000.00

MAINTENANCE OF FIRE STATION AND GARAGE

Appropriation		2,000.00
Electricity	656.92	
Fuel	861.51	
Water	100.20	
Supplies and Repairs	202.04	1,820.67
Balance to Revenue	179.33	2,000.00

TREE TRIMMING AND PLANTING

Appropriation		1,200.00
Payroll	1,009.00	
Supplies	55.01	1,064.01
Balance to Revenue	135.99	1,200.00

DUTCH ELM CONTROL

Appropriation		2,200.00
Payroll	1,501.55	
Hired Equipment	336.30	
Supplies	4.40	1,842.25
Balance to Revenue	357.75	2,200.00

INSECT AND PEST CONTROL

Appropriation		2,000.00
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Payroll	74.40	
Hired Equipment	303.00	
Supplies	342.00	719.40
Balance to Revenue	1,280.60	2,000.00

HEALTH

Appropriation		2,000.00
Association Dues	6.00	
Plumbing Inspections	161.00	
Physician	75.00	
Telephone	118.93	
Vital Statistics	106.00	
Dog Officer	4.00	
Supplies	37.43	
Dumps	436.20	
Health Inspector	280.00	
Expenses	400.45	1,625.01
Balance to Revenue	374.99	2,000.00

DUMP CONTROL

Appropriation		4,000.00
Attendant	2,915.00	
Abalene	144.00	
Town Payroll	870.70	
West Northfield Dump	12.00	3,941.70
Balance to Revenue	58.30	4,000.00

NURSE'S EXPENSE

Appropriation		500.00
Supplies and Expense	264.84	
Insurance	15.00	

Dues	25.00	304.84
Balance to Revenue	195.16	500.00

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S EXPENSE

Appropriation		250.00
Association Dues	10.00	
Telephone	211.48	
Supplies	13.02	234.50
Balance to Revenue	15.50	250.00

MACHINERY MAINTENANCE

Machinery Fund		12,680.00
Surplus Revenue		2,500.00
Refunds		28.02
Transfer		557.58
Payroll	1,919.78	
Repairs and Supplies	13,845.82	15,765.60

HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES, AND RAILINGS

Appropriation		3,500.00
Payroll	583.95	
Supplies	2,341.96	2,925.91
Balance to Revenue	574.09	3,500.00

CHAPTER 81

Appropriation		10,500.00
Surplus Revenue		18,150.00
Payroll	8,724.72	
Town Machinery	3,829.20	

Hired Machinery	1,616.50	
Materials	14,479.58	28,650.00

CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE

Appropriation		4,000.00
Surplus Revenue		8,000.00

Payroll	1,348.48	
Town Machinery	711.94	
Hired Machinery	1,129.50	
Materials	8,810.08	12,000.00

SNOW REMOVAL

Appropriation		12,000.00
Surplus Revenue		3,000.00
Transfer		400.01

Payroll	8,804.05	
Hired Machinery	882.60	
Sand	3,541.43	
Salt	1,764.93	
Repairs and Supplies	407.00	15,400.01

DICKINSON LIBRARY

Appropriation		11,681.00
County Dog Refund		234.71
State Aid		580.00
Refund		15.55
Transfer		470.63

Payroll	8,905.75	
Electricity	208.60	
Fuel	531.85	
Telephone	77.87	
Water	18.00	
Repairs	690.20	
Books and Magazines	2,374.80	

Field Library	50.00	
Supplies	124.82	12,981.89

MEMORIAL AND VETERANS' DAYS

Appropriation		350.00
PVRS Band	50.00	
Loud Speaker System	15.00	
Plants	162.45	
Flags	58.97	
Veterans' Day Marker Flags	50.11	336.53
Balance to Revenue	13.47	350.00

SCHOOLS

Appropriation		243,138.00
Refund		25.00
Teachers' Salaries	152,940.50	
Superintendent's Salary	3,307.96	
Admin. Assistant's Salary	1,852.44	
Clerks	3,521.02	
Custodians	10,244.91	
Travel	695.42	
Physician	250.00	
Nurse	900.00	
Transportation	32,995.42	
Textbooks	2,347.86	
Student Supplies	4,439.54	
Janitor Supplies	1,448.31	
Fuel	5,351.53	
Water and Current	3,906.00	
Repairs and Maintenance	2,203.78	
New Equipment	1,599.26	
Tuition	8,033.54	
Sundry	366.26	
Telephone	307.61	
Office Supplies	248.42	

Administrative Expense	131.46	
Cafeteria Salaries	783.39	
Superintendent Office Expense	957.42	
Visual Aids	399.05	
Testing	342.00	
Special Project	1,332.00	240,905.10
Balance to Revenue	2,257.90	243,163.00

ALEXANDER HALL

Appropriation		650.00
Custodian	254.38	
Supplies	8.75	
Piano Tuner	34.00	
Folding Door	256.32	
New Equipment	67.89	621.34
Balance to Revenue	28.66	650.00

CEMETERIES

Appropriation		3,000.00
Surplus Revenue		500.00
Cemetery Commissioner	75.00	
Center Cemetery:		
Payroll	656.00	
Water	36.00	
Equipment	33.31	
Supplies	4.68	
Expenses	5.00	
West Northfield:		
Payroll	388.00	
Equipment	85.00	
Supplies	114.50	

Northfield Farms:

Payroll	199.50	
Equipment	33.32	
Supplies	2.75	

Mount Hermon:

Payroll	119.00	
Equipment	33.32	
Supplies	2.27	

South Mountain:

Payroll	42.50	1,830.15
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Balance to Revenue	1,669.85	3,500.00
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BELCHER LIBRARY FUND INTEREST

Balance from 1970	62.50
Receipts	535.64

Payroll	385.14	
Telephone	17.30	
Electricity	48.63	
Repairs	14.00	
Water	18.00	
Fuel	22.62	
Supplies	12.07	
Books and Magazines	69.90	587.66
Balance to 1972	10.48	598.14

MAUDE MONTAGUE LIBRARY FUND INTEREST

Balance from 1970	100.28
Receipts	110.48

Payroll	132.00	
Telephone	8.00	
Electricity	25.56	
Supplies	27.41	

Books and Magazines	16.45	209.42
Balance to 1972	1.34	210.76

MARINA STANLEY LIBRARY FUND INTEREST

Balance from 1970		159.74
Receipts		30.94
Books and Magazines	186.46	186.46
Balance to 1972	4.22	190.68

CHARLES DICKINSON LIBRARY BOOK FUND
INTEREST

Balance from 1970		7.90
Receipts		165.00
Books and Magazines	166.23	166.23
Balance to 1972	6.67	172.90

BALANCE SHEET, TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
For the Year Ending December 31, 1971
GENERAL ACCOUNTS

<u>Assets</u>		<u>Liabilities and Reserves</u>	
Cash	167,414.12	Loans Authorized Unissued	584,000.00
Revenue Cash Investments	175,000.00	Road Machinery Fund	7,245.30
Loans Authorized	584,000.00	Overestimates 1971:	
Accounts Receivable:		State Parks & Reservations	761.69
Taxes:		P. V. Air Pollution Control	13.14
Levy of 1971		County Grant:	774.83
Personal Property	463.45	Dutch Elm Control	454.41
Real Estate	15,007.63	School Lunch	964.45
Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise:		National Defense Education Title III	320.66
Levy of 1970	66.83	Payroll Deductions:	
Levy of 1971	7,535.19	Blue Cross-Blue Shield	334.17
Farm Animal Excise:		Life Insurance	6.52
Levy of 1971	74.25	Beautification Fund	340.69
		Sale of Real Estate	105.06
		Sale of Cook Lot	1,260.00
		Excess Sale Land of Low Value	2,709.37
		Sale of Cemetery Lots	7,898.92
		Trust Funds Income:	3,787.12
		Elisha Alexander Charity	1,447.92

Title	4, 597.76		Geo. F. Morgan Charity	1, 058.51
Possessions	292.87	4, 890.63	Roselle Evans Poor	266.48
			Starkweather Charity	2, 770.00
Aid to Highways:			Belcher Center School	688.27
State	36, 550.00		Belcher Library	10.48
County	11, 200.00	47, 750.00	Maude Montague Library	1.34
			Marina Stanley Library	4.22
Underestimates 1971:			Chas. Dickinson Book	6.67
County Tax		644.04	DAR Book	40.68
			Perpetual Care, Cemeteries:	
County Dog Officer		44.00	Center, Mt. Hermon, So. Mt.	4, 531.55
			Northfield Farms	949.32
Special Tax		138.60	West Northfield	2, 461.73
			Mary Callender Lot	172.42
			Calvin Stearns Lot	203.42
			Overlay Reserved for Abate-ments:	14, 613.01
			Levy of 1970	138.60
			Levy of 1971	14, 724.54
			Reserve Fund Overlay Surplus	14, 863.14
			Sale of Azuba Hill Lot	19, 687.53
			Revenue Reserved Until Collected:	1, 600.00
			M. V. & Trailer Excise	7, 602.02
			Farm Animal Excise	74.25
			Tax Title & Possessions	4, 890.63

Special Taxes	138.60	
Aid to Highways	47,750.00	60,455.50
Surplus Revenue		181,920.20
Appropriation Balances:		
Assessor's Map	19,500.00	
Master Plan	6,000.00	
Tables & Chairs, Town Hall	1,250.00	
Forest Fire Truck	16,990.64	
Civil Defense	1,113.77	
Sewage Project	7,756.57	
Chapter 90 Const. 1971	22,987.59	
Hwy. Improvement Loans	3,880.17	
Skylight Repair, Library	425.00	
Tercentenary Committee	9,990.87	
Recreation Comm. Gift	133.94	
Purchase of Slate Property	10,000.00	<u>100,028.55</u>

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DEBT ACCOUNT

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	9,000.00	Fire Station and Garage Loan	9,000.00
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TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

Trust and Investment Funds:

In Custody of Treasurer	145,024.56
In Custody of Selectmen	10,323.00
In Custody of Trustees	16,866.96

In Custody of Treasurer:

Lottie Evans Charity	1,692.02
Roselle Evans Charity	500.00
Geo. F. Morgan Charity	3,000.00
Surplus Revenue School Fund	1,600.00
Belcher Center School	1,250.00
Belcher Library	9,739.01
Dickinson Book Fund	3,000.00
DAR Book Fund	100.00
Marina Stanley Library	570.00
Montague Library	2,009.60
Cowles Cemetery	2,000.00
Belcher Center Cemetery	2,000.00
Calvin Stearns Cemetery	500.00
Mary Callender Cemetery	500.00
W. Northfield Cemetery	7,292.49
PC Cemeteries	21,839.75
Ina Merriman Library	2,071.14
Stabilization Fund	85,360.55
	145,024.56

In Custody of Selectmen:

Sidney Starkweather Charity	8,000.00
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Elisha Alexander Charity	2, 020. 00	
Flora E. Lane, Center Cemetery	202. 00	
Lucretia Holton, West Northfield Cemetery	101. 00	10, 323. 00
In Custody of Trustees:		
Martha Alexander Charity		16, 866. 96
		\$172, 214. 52
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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

The Selectmen, in making their report on the activities of the Board of Health, wish to call to the attention of the citizens of the Town of Northfield the many responsibilities involved and do recommend the creation of a separate Board to give closer attention to the many details which are their responsibility.

To renumerate we have:

1. Federal and State grants for medical assistance.
2. Clinics to be held for immunization.
3. Nurses services.
4. Sanitation land fill.
5. Sewerage and septic systems; plumbing inspector.
6. Air pollution could conceivably be in their realm of responsibility.
7. Housing with insufficient sanitary facilities.
8. The many meetings with Federal, State and Local bodies or agencies to resolve the innumerable problems confronting the health problems of today's living.

We must bear in mind that as our Town grows, so do our health problems and we must be prepared to meet them.

In regard to our sanitation land fill, we feel that positive action must be taken. The cost is too great for small towns to finance alone.

The requirements, as set by Federal and State agencies not only from a financial point but also environmental considerations, are more than we can do alone. Therefore, we urge you to listen to your study committee and act upon their recommendations in a positive manner.

We also wish to bring to your attention that our present dump is taking at least tenfold the amount of refuse per year due to the ban on burning, than we have in previous years, plus the fact that there is a drainage problem which would be difficult to solve.

This past year your Board has been involved in a study committee which involves trying to save our nursing care, whereas the State agencies are endeavoring to set up a take-over, and operate similar to the Welfare Department. This will also happen to our sanitary land fill if we do not take the responsibilities ourselves.

There were twenty septic systems inspected.

A multiple habitation in West Northfield was closed as unfit for occupancy.

Five food dispensaries were checked by a Board of Health agent. Two clinics were held this past spring and summer.

Three cases of dog bites reported and immunization shots given.

The prospect of our own doctor retiring soon will necessitate an effort on our part to induce a replacement as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Stanley J. Powers, Chairman
Board of Health

NORTHFIELD PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICE

To the Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Northfield:

I herewith submit the annual report of the Northfield Public Health Nursing Service for the year 1971.

On September 24th, a clinic was held at the Northfield Elementary School to immunize the Commune children against Infectious Hepatitis. Dr. Robert G. Knight of Orange was the attending physician.

The Annual Red Cross Bloodmobile sponsored by the Fortnightly, collected 121 pints of blood. Doctors in attendance were: Dr. Ansel B. True and Dr. Marvin Thompson.

Report of visits made in 1971:

Home visits	841
Office visits	41
Not home visits	47

Monthly meetings have been attended at the Franklin County Public Hospital on the Home care team, and In-Service Educational Programs at the Holyoke Hospital, Farren Memorial Hospital and Mental Health Clinic.

Mrs. Sally Lindgren covered the Nursing Service from January 1st through March 8th. Mrs. Helen Barber covered for a two-week vacation period in August.

I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, Dr. Ansel B. True, the Advisory Board, the nurse's secretaries, Mrs. Phyllis Whitney and Mrs. Shirley Tompkins and the townspeople for all their cooperation and effort to this program.

Respectfully submitted,

EILEEN U. GORZOCOSKI, R.N.
Public Health Nurse

CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR 1971

The Town of Northfield has participated in all required Exercises, attended Sector and Special Meetings, submitted required reports, issued flood and storm warnings, and has met the prerequisites for participation in Federally sponsored Programs.

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE F. FIELD
Civil Defense Director

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

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Taxes for 1968

Collected after abatement		36.03
Paid to Treasurer	<u>36.03</u>	<u>36.03</u>
	\$	\$

Taxes for 1969

Personal Property outstanding 1-1-71		25.60
Paid to Treasurer	<u>25.60</u>	<u>25.60</u>
	\$	\$
Motor Vehicle Outstanding 1-1-71		445.53
Abatements	\$ 8.74	
Paid to Treasurer	<u>436.79</u>	<u>445.53</u>
	\$	\$

Taxes for 1970

Farm Animal & Machinery outstanding 1-1-71		\$ 238.00
Paid to Treasurer	<u>\$ 238.00</u>	<u>\$ 238.00</u>
	\$	\$
Personal Property outstanding 1-1-71		\$ 354.20
Paid to Treasurer	<u>\$ 354.20</u>	<u>\$ 354.20</u>
	\$	\$
Real Estate outstanding 1-1-71		\$ 13,383.40
Tax Titles Taken	\$ 508.20	
Statement Filed to Continue Municipal Lien in accordance with Chapter 60, Section 37A and placed in Special Taxes account in accordance with Chapter 60, Section 95	138.60	
Paid to Treasurer	<u>12,736.60</u>	<u>13,383.40</u>
	\$	\$
Motor Vehicle outstanding 1-1-71		\$ 6,007.88
Committed after 1-1-71		17,342.04
Refunds		762.21
Abatements	\$ 2,207.21	
Paid to Treasurer	21,838.09	
Outstanding 1-1-72	<u>66.83</u>	<u>24,112.13</u>
	\$	\$

Taxes for 1971

Farm Animal & Machinery Levy		\$ 1,869.25
Paid to Treasurer	\$ 1,795.00	
Outstanding 1-1-72	<u>74.25</u>	<u>1,869.25</u>
	\$	\$

Personal Property Levy		\$173,797.28
Refunds		46.96
Abatements	\$ 94.55	
Paid to Treasurer	173,286.24	
Outstanding 1-1-72	463.45	
	<u>\$173,844.24</u>	<u>\$173,844.24</u>
Real Estate Levy		\$426,578.54
Refunds		1,592.99
Abatements	\$ 15,022.81	
Tax Titles added	1,113.67	
Paid to Treasurer	397,027.42	
Outstanding 1-1-72	15,007.63	
	<u>\$428,171.53</u>	<u>\$428,171.53</u>
Motor Vehicle Excise Levy		\$ 80,585.48
Refunds		1,255.18
Abatements	\$ 4,554.02	
Paid to Treasurer	69,751.45	
Outstanding 1-1-72	7,535.19	
	<u>\$ 81,840.66</u>	<u>\$ 81,840.66</u>

REPORT OF THE NORTHFIELD PLANNING BOARD

The Northfield Planning Board has been active in the year 1971, through primarily the following activity, which is a three year study.

As recommended by the Department of Community Affairs, the town should develop a Master Plan encompassing the following topics for the purpose of enhancing the Town's direction as a community for the years ahead.

- Development of Local Base Maps
- Development of Existing Land Use
- Utilization and Study of Soil Survey Reports
- Studies Developed on Population projection
- Studies Developed on Economic Analysis
- Studies Developed on Fiscal Analysis
- Development of a Goals Statement
- Analysis of Future Land Use
- Analysis of Local Transportation facilities (roads, etc)
- Analysis of Open Space and Recreation
- Analysis of Utilities
- Analysis of School Facilities and Educational Needs
- Analysis of Community facilities
- Development of a Capital Improvements program
- Development and review of existing Zoning By-Laws and Subdivision Regulations

This board along with aid and advice from The Philip B. Herr & Associates, Franklin County Planning Board and the State Department of Community Affairs hopes to continue the Master Plan Project as initiated in 1971.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD A. NEWTON
Chairman

NORTHFIELD BOARD OF APPEALS

During 1971, the Board of Appeals, in accordance with the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Protective By-Laws of the Town of Northfield, disposed of applications for special permits and variances as follows:

Permit to conduct limited business at residence granted Donald Thayer, Harold Thayer and Burton Rogers.

Permit to change use of premises from residential to communal granted Brotherhood of the Spirit.

Permit to establish restaurant and gift shop granted W. H. Serrell.

Conditional variance for right-of-way granted Hamilton Creegar.

Permit to install mobile home granted William Marcy: denied, Daniel MacDonald, Donald Hescok, and Fred Arsenault.

Conditional permit to install mobile home granted John Blazejewski.

Permit to install oversize sign granted George Butynski.

The Board of Appeals would like to draw the attention of the Town to the public hearings held on every application for special permit or variance. These hearings are advertised twice to abutters of the premises in question, and to other persons deemed to have a special interest in the application. Every person attending the public hearing will have an opportunity to give their view of the application before the Board; this expression of opinion is helpful to the Board, and is given due consideration by the Board before a decision is made.

The members of the Board of Appeals during 1971 were Harold Newton (Chairman), David Quinn, John Callahan, and John Carson (Alternate). As of January 1, 1972, the members of the Board are Harold Newton (Chairman), John Carson, Harvey Hathaway, Norman Fowler (Alternate) and George Partridge (Alternate).

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD A. NEWTON
Chairman

TOWN WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

FRANKLIN, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Northfield in the County of Franklin, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the

TOWN HALL

in said Northfield on Monday the sixth day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to bring in their votes by ballot for the following officers for the coming year:

Town Clerk for one year, Moderator for one year, one Selectmen for three years, Town Treasurer for one year, one Assessor for three years, one Tax Collector for three years, one School Committee Member for three years, one Pioneer Valley Regional School District Committee Member for three years, two Library Trustees for three years, one Cemetery Commissioner for three years, one Planning Board Member for three years, one Planning Board Member for five years, one Sewer Commissioner for three years, one Board of Health Member for one year, one Board of Health Member for two years and one Board of Health Member for three years.

QUESTION 1. Shall licenses be granted in this Town for the operation, holding or conducting a game commonly called Beano.

The polls will open at ten A.M. and close at eight P.M.

And you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Northfield, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, March 7, 1972, at seven o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To hear and act upon the reports of the several Town Officers, Boards, Committees, Commissioners and Trustees.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 4, General Laws, as amended, to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1972, or such current fiscal year as may be established by Act of the Legislature, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and, under the provisions of Section 17 of said Chapter, to renew any such note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, any debt or debts incurred hereunder to be paid from the revenue of the said financial or fiscal year, or take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote under the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 5, Clauses 16 and 16A, General Laws, as amended, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to employ legal counsel for general purposes and to prosecute or bring suits for the Town and to defend the Town in any suit or other legal action brought against the Town, or take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote under the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 100E, General Laws, as amended, to indemnify the Selectmen and any other municipal officers designated by the Board of Selectmen, for expense or damages incurred by such an official or officer in the defense or settlement of a claim against him, provided such claim arose when such official or officer was acting within the scope of his official duties or employment, and further provided that the defense or settlement of such claim shall have been made by the Town Counsel, or by an attorney legally employed for the purpose by a city or town, or by an attorney furnished by an insurer obligated under the terms of a policy of insurance to defend the Town against such claim.

The Board of Selectmen recommends.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote under the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 108, General Laws, as amended, to fix the salaries of all elected officials for the calendar year 1972,

and raise and appropriate the sums of money therefor, and raise and appropriate further sums of money for the maintenance of the several Departments of the Town and for other necessary charges, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends as follows:

Moderator, Salary & Expense	\$ 70.00	Finance Committee Expense	\$ 125.00
Selectmen	2300.00	Town Hall	7000.00
Chairman	\$800.00	Police Chief Salary	8750.00
Other Members	750.00	Special Police Salaries	3500.00
Expense	850.00	Police Dept. Operating Exp. & Equip.	4200.00
Secretary	1700.00	Police Dept. Secretary	200.00
Accountant	1700.00		
Expense	100.00	Fire Dept. Salaries	500.00
Legal Expense	1000.00	Fire Dept. Operating Expense	6000.00
Treasurer	1800.00	Fire Dept. Hose & Equipment	1500.00
Expense	700.00	Hydrants	500.00
Tax Collector	1500.00	Water Holes	800.00
Expense	800.00	Maintenance of Fire Station	2000.00
Tax Title Foreclosure Costs	500.00	Public Safety	50.00
Protection of Tax Title Property	25.00	Wire Inspector	100.00
Assessors	1925.00	Tree Trimming & Planting	1200.00
Chairman	\$675.00	Dutch Elm Control	2200.00
Others	625.00	Insect and Pest Control	2000.00
Expense		Dog Officer and Expense	350.00
Town Clerk		Civil Defense	25.00
Expense		Board of Health	525.00
Election and Registration		Each member - \$175.00	
Planning Board Expense		Health	2000.00
Board of Appeals Expense		Dump Control	4000.00

Ambulance Service	\$ 4,550.00	PVRS School Comm. Exp.	\$ 300.00
Nurse and Substitute	6,500.00	Elementary Schools	272,198.00
Expense	500.00	PVRS Capital	16,344.83
Clerk	2,800.00	PVRS Operating	300,923.10
Car Expense	500.00	Town Reports	1,200.00
Inspection of Animals	450.00	Memorial & Veterans' Day	350.00
Interest Charges of Sewer Project	7,300.00	Alexander Hall	415.00
Sewer Commissioners Salary	450.00	Interest	500.00
Each Commissioner - \$150.00		Insurance	11,000.00
Sewer Commission Expense	200.00	Chapter 32B	6,500.00
Highway Supt. Expense	250.00	Town Clock	100.00
Highway Tools	500.00	Land Damage	500.00
Highway Sick Leave, Vacations, Holidays	3,500.00	Historical Society Building	250.00
Sidewalks	500.00	Fence Viewers, Pound Keepers,	25.00
Street Lights	10,975.00	Field Drivers	
Highway Bounds, Surveys, Street Lights	350.00	Maintenance of Athletic Field	400.00
Soldiers' Relief	5,500.00	Recreation Commission Program	6,125.00
Elementary School Committee Salaries	375.00	Cemeteries	5,000.00
		Fire Station Bond & Interest	3,180.00

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to appoint one of their members as Clerk of the Board under the provisions of Section 4a, Chapter 41, of the General Laws, or employ a clerk, and to raise and appropriate a sum or sums of money to pay the salary of such clerk, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate \$1,150.00.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into contract with the Department of Public Works, Division of Highways, for repair and improvement of roads and highways under the provisions of Chapter 81, and raise and appropriate a sum or sums

of money to be expended in anticipation of reimbursement by the Commonwealth under the provisions of Chapter 497 of the Acts of 1971, and transfer from unappropriated available funds a further sum of money for such work pending reimbursement therefor by state allotment, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate \$10,500.00 and to transfer \$18,227.00.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum or sums of money for its share of Chapter 90 Highway Construction to be expended in anticipation of reimbursement by the Commonwealth under the provisions of Chapter 497 of the Acts of 1971, and transfer from unappropriated available funds a further sum for such work pending reimbursement therefor by state and county allotments or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate \$7,200.00 and to transfer \$21,600.00.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum or sums of money for its share of Chapter 90 Maintenance to be expended in anticipation of reimbursement by the Commonwealth under the provisions of Chapter 497 of the Acts of 1971, and transfer from unappropriated available funds a further sum for such work pending reimbursement therefor by state and county allotments, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate \$4,000.00 and to transfer \$8,000.00.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds or from the Machinery Earnings Fund a sum or sums of money for the Machinery Maintenance Account, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate \$12,000.00.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated-available funds a sum or sums of money for constructing, maintaining and policing town streets or roads including all operations on the travelled way as set forth in Section 32 of Chapter 497 of the Acts of 1971, such sum or sums to be expended in anticipation of reimbursement from the State under the provisions of said Act, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate \$15,500.00.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to purchase a new pick-up or medium weight truck with plow and related equipment for the Highway Department, turn in for trade or otherwise dispose of the present pick-up truck, and raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds a sum or sums of money therefor, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee does not recommend.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to take by eminent domain, purchase or otherwise acquire such easements as will enable the Town to assume control or ownership of any or all sewer lines or drains located or to be located or installed within the Town, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Sewer Commission recommends.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds a sum or sums of money for the operation and maintenance of the sewage disposal plant, related interceptors, and such sewer lines and drains as are or will be incorporated into the Town's sewage system.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate \$11,000.00.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds a sum or sums of money to provide a survey of the Schell Bridge across the Connecticut River by a private contractor, as recommended by the Massachusetts Department of Public Works, to determine the present condition of the bridge and the extent and feasibility of such repair or reconstruction as may prove necessary, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

No recommendation at this time.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds a sum or sums of money to provide two so-called 'remote' transmitting devices for operating the police transmitter at the Town Hall, and two portable radios for the use of the Police Department.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate \$2,525.00.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to purchase six 900 x 20 10-ply tires for the Maxim fire truck, turn in for trade or otherwise dispose of the present tires, and raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds a sum or sums of money therefor, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate \$600.00.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to purchase a two-channel mobile radio receiver-transmitter to be installed in the car or vehicle of the Chief of the Fire Department, and raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds a sum of money therefor, or take any action thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate \$750.00.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds a sum or sums of money to provide additional or improved street lighting in the Town according to plan or plans on file with the Board of Selectmen, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

No recommendation at this time.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the money from the County, known as the "Dog Fund", for the Dickinson Memorial Library, as provided in Chapter 140, Section 172, General Laws, as amended, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to accept any sum of money from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a grant providing state aid for free public libraries under the provisions of Chapter 760 of the Acts of 1960 as amended and to appropriate the exact sum so received for its public library or libraries or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds a sum or sums of money for the use of the Field Library at Northfield Farms, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate \$250.00.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from unappropriated available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for the operation of Dickinson Memorial Library, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate \$11,821.00.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from unappropriated available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to purchase fish to be liberated to the streams of Northfield, under the supervision of the Selectmen, or take any action in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate \$200.00.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to authorize its Selectmen to accept from the County of Franklin, a sum or sums of money for the suppressing of pests under Chapter 132 or for Dutch Elm Disease control, or take any action in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to accept from Northfield Mount Hermon School, a Massachusetts corporation, a sum or sums of money to be appropriated for and applied to the Town expenditure for the year 1972 under the Town's contract for the provision of ambulance service, or take any action in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Overlay Reserve a sum of money for a Reserve Fund for the current year, as provided by Chapter 59, Section 25, General Laws, as amended, or take any action in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to transfer \$5,000.00.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to be used by the Assessors in determining the 1971 tax rate, or take any action in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to transfer \$30,000.00.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Overlay Reserve to the Stabilization Fund, as provided by Chapter 59, Section 25, General Laws, as amended, or take any action in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to transfer \$10,000.00.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for the perpetual care of Lot #1 in Mount Hermon cemetery from Jane E. Nunn in the name of William & Sarah Eberhardt, and the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for the perpetual care of Lots #16½ and #17 in the Northfield Farms cemetery from Lincoln E. Warner, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds a sum or sums of money to be used to repaint the main auditorium of the Town Hall, including walls, ceiling, windows and all woodwork, and to make any necessary repairs thereto, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate \$4,000.00.

ARTICLE 32. To hear the report of the Committee appointed to determine and carry out procedures necessary for planning for a Tercentenary Celebration for the Town in 1973, and to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum or sums of money to carry out its recommendations, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate \$10,000.00.

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of sections 44A to 44K, inclusive, of Chapter 40 of the General Laws providing for the establishment of a regional refuse district, together with the towns of Bernardston, Leyden and Gill, and the construc-

tion, maintenance and operation of a regional disposal facility by said district in accordance with the provisions of a proposed agreement filed with the Selectmen setting forth the capital and operating expense and related matters of administration.

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Moderator to appoint a Town Refuse Disposal Study Committee consisting of five citizens of the Town, one member to be appointed from each of four sections of the Town, Northfield, East Northfield, West Northfield, and Northfield Farms, and a fifth member from the Board of Health, to study waste and refuse disposal in and for the Town, possible sites and methods of disposal, and capital and operating costs thereof, and to make a report at the next special or annual town meeting, and to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds, a sum of money for the expense of such committee, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Moderator to appoint a Town Hall Kitchen Study Committee consisting of three citizens of the Town to consider the renovation and re-equipment of the town hall kitchen and to make a report with recommendations at the next special or annual town meeting, and raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds a sum of money to meet the expense of said committee, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to accept Section 8C, Chapter 40, General Laws, as amended, providing for the appointment by the Board of Selectmen of a Conservation Commission consisting of not less than three nor more than seven members appointed for one, two or three years so that the terms of approximately one third of the members shall expire each year, their successors to be appointed for three years each, whose function shall be the promotion and development and protection of the natural resources and watershed resources of the Town and to promote the conservation and proper utilization of open spaces and other land and water areas in the Town, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Board of Selectmen recommends.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the U.S. Post Office in Northfield, the Dickinson Library, the Field Library, Northfield Farms, and the 'Barnes' Service Station, West Northfield, in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this fourteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy two.

SELECTMEN OF NORTHFIELD

William H. Hawley, Chairman
Stanley J. Powers
Carolyn B. Parenteau

A true copy. Attest:

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